

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
MACON DIVISION**



**MINUTE SHEET  
OF COURT PROCEEDINGS  
(via Zoom)**

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Date: 10/29/2021      Type of Hearing: Status Conference  
Judge: Marc T. Treadwell      Court Reporter: Darlene Fuller  
Courtroom Deputy: Kim Tavalero      Law Clerk: Ben Roth  
Courtroom: A

**Case Number: 5:20-cv-453 (MTT)**

Ashley Diamond      Counsel: A. Chinyere Ezie  
Beth Littrell  
Maya Gyan Rajaratnam  
Scott McCoy

v.

Timothy Ward, et al.      Counsel: Roger Chalmers  
Arneika Smith      Counsel: Annarita McGovern

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**Court time for JS10/MJSTAR: 1 hour / 17 minutes**

10:01 am      Called to order. Identification of parties. Preliminary remarks by the Court.  
10:02 am      Response by Ms. Ezie.  
10:08 am      Response by Mr. Chalmers.  
10:13 am      Discussion regarding allegations of additional sexual assaults at Coastal State Prison.  
10:17 am      The Court directed Mr. Chalmers to provide the Court with copies of all available documentation related to alleged sexual assaults since the motion hearing held in May 2021 (Doc. 92).  
10:21 am      Discussion regarding plaintiff's allegations and whether she has

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cooperated with PREA investigators. Discussion regarding camera situation at plaintiff's dorm and cell.

10:29 am The Court addressed the parties with observations regarding GDC staff, Coastal State Prison staff, and PREA investigations.

10:32 am Discussion regarding discovery status and the parties' agreement regarding a certificate of completion.

10:44 am The Court addressed the parties as follows:

- The parties shall provide the Court with discovery requests and responses.
- Each side shall submit a list of witnesses to depose.
- Once submitted, the Court will revise the dates for discovery and dispositive motions, taking into consideration the parties' recent agreement to extend the current deadlines by 3 months.

10:57 am The Court addressed Mr. Chalmers regarding the plaintiff's 4/16 discovery request. The defendants shall have until 11/30 to complete their response to that request. If there is any difficulty in meeting that deadline, contact the Court.

10:58 am Discussion regarding post-hearing briefing. Discussion regarding scheduling order and depositions. Discussion regarding plaintiff submitting a supplemental declaration. Discussion regarding filing additional medical records under seal.

11:12 am The Court addressed severing Defendant Arneika Smith.

11:14 am Ms. Ezie stated that the plaintiff would not be opposed to severance.

11:15 am Ms. Ezie advised Mr. Chalmers that there should be video available as to plaintiff's recent PREA interviews.

11:16 am Discussion to clarify documents to be produced for the Court.

11:18 am Adjourned.