

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARTIN THOMAS LAWRENCE
and TROY ALAN LAWRENCE,

Defendants.

No. CR 15-69-MWB

**INSTRUCTIONS
TO THE JURY**

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VERDICT FORM

No. 1 — INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your selection as a juror! These Instructions are to help you better understand the trial and your role in it.

In an Indictment, a Grand Jury has charged defendants Martin Thomas Lawrence and Troy Alan Lawrence with offenses allegedly involving methamphetamine and attempting to interfere with testimony. An Indictment is simply an accusation—it is not evidence of anything. Each defendant has pled not guilty to the crimes charged against him, and he is presumed absolutely not guilty of each offense, unless and until the prosecution proves his guilt on that offense beyond a reasonable doubt.

You must decide during your deliberations whether or not the prosecution has proved each defendant's guilt on the offenses charged against him beyond a reasonable doubt. In making your decision, you are the sole judges of the facts. You must not decide this case based on personal likes or dislikes, generalizations, gut feelings, prejudices, sympathies, stereotypes, or biases. The law demands that you return a just verdict, based solely on the evidence, your individual evaluation of that evidence, your reason and common sense, and these instructions. Do not take anything that I have said or done or that I may say or do as indicating what I think of the evidence or what I think your verdict should be.

Remember, only defendants Martin Thomas Lawrence and Troy Alan Lawrence, and not anyone else, are on trial. Also, each defendant is on trial *only* for the offenses charged against him in the Indictment, and not for anything else.

Each defendant is entitled to have the charges against him considered separately, based solely on the evidence that applies to him. *Therefore, you must give separate consideration to each charge against each defendant and return a separate, unanimous verdict on each charge against each defendant.*

Please remember that this case is important to the parties and to the fair administration of justice. Therefore, please be patient, consider all of the evidence, and do not be in a hurry to reach a verdict just to be finished with the case.

No. 2 — PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE AND BURDEN OF PROOF

The presumption of innocence means that each defendant is presumed to be absolutely not guilty.

- This presumption means that you must put aside all suspicion that might arise from each defendant's arrest, the charge, or the fact that he is here in court
- This presumption remains with each defendant throughout the trial
- This presumption is enough, alone, for you to find each defendant not guilty of each offense charged against him, unless the prosecution proves, beyond a reasonable doubt, all of the elements of that offense

The burden is always on the prosecution to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

- This burden never, ever shifts to a defendant to prove his innocence
- This burden means that a defendant does not have to call any witnesses, produce any evidence, cross-examine the prosecution's witnesses, or testify
- This burden means that, if a defendant does not testify, you must not consider that fact in any way, or even discuss it, in arriving at your verdict
- This burden means that you must find a defendant not guilty of an offense charged against him, unless the prosecution proves beyond a

reasonable doubt that he has committed each and every element of that offense

No. 3 — REASONABLE DOUBT

A reasonable doubt is a doubt based upon reason and common sense.

- A reasonable doubt may arise from evidence produced by the prosecution or either defendant, keeping in mind that a defendant never, ever has the burden or duty to call any witnesses or to produce any evidence
- A reasonable doubt may arise from the prosecution's lack of evidence

The prosecution must prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

- Proof beyond a reasonable doubt requires careful and impartial consideration of all of the evidence in the case before making a decision
- Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof so convincing that you would be willing to rely and act on it in the most important of your own affairs

The prosecution's burden is heavy, but it does not require proof beyond all doubt.

No. 4 — OTHER IMPORTANT TERMS

Before I turn to specific instructions on the offenses charged in this case, I will explain some important terms.

Elements

Each offense charged consists of “elements,” which are the parts of the offense. The prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt all of the elements of an offense charged against a defendant for you to find that defendant guilty of that offense.

Timing

The Indictment alleges that each offense occurred during an approximate time period or “on or about” a certain date.

- The prosecution does not have to prove that an offense occurred on an exact date
- The prosecution only has to prove that an offense occurred at a time that was reasonably close to the date or reasonably close to or within the period alleged for that offense in the Indictment

Location

You must decide whether the defendants’ conduct occurred in the Northern District of Iowa.

- The prosecution alleges that the defendants’ criminal conduct occurred in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which is in Linn County, and Monticello, Iowa, which is in Jones County, all of which are in the Northern District of Iowa

Methamphetamine

The offenses charged in this case allegedly involved methamphetamine. Methamphetamine is an illegal drug. Two forms of methamphetamine are allegedly involved in this case:

- “methamphetamine mixture”
 - “methamphetamine mixture” is a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine
- “actual (pure) methamphetamine”
 - “actual (pure) methamphetamine” is methamphetamine itself—either by itself or contained in a methamphetamine mixture

Possession

A person possessed something if both of the following are true:

- the person knew about it, *and*
- the person had
 - physical control over it, *or*
 - the power, or ability, and the intention to control it, *or*
 - control over a place in which it was concealed

More than one person may have possessed something at the same time.

Distribution

A person distributed an illegal drug, if the person transferred possession of the illegal drug to another person.

The prosecution does not have to prove

- that the illegal drug was “sold,” or
- that money or anything of value changed hands

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I will now give you the “elements” instructions on the charged offenses. The “elements” themselves are set out in **bold**.

**No. 5 — COUNT 1: THE ALLEGED
“METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY”
OFFENSE**

Count 1 of the Indictment charges defendants Martin Thomas Lawrence and Troy Alan Lawrence with a “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense. The defendants deny that they committed this offense.

For you to find a particular defendant guilty of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt *all* of the following elements against him:

***One*, at some time during the period alleged for the conspiracy, that is, from about September 2013 and continuing to on or about January 27, 2015, in the Northern District of Iowa, two or more persons reached an agreement or understanding to distribute methamphetamine.**

A conspiracy is an agreement of two or more persons to commit one or more crimes. For this element to be proved,

- the defendant in question may have been, but did not have to be, one of the original conspirators
- the crime that the conspirators agreed to commit did not actually have to be committed
- the agreement did not have to be written or formal
- the agreement did not have to involve every detail of the conspiracy

Here, the conspirators allegedly agreed to “distribute methamphetamine.”

- To help you decide whether or not the conspirators agreed to “distribute methamphetamine,” you should consider the elements of that crime
- The elements of “distributing methamphetamine” are the following:
 - a person intentionally distributed methamphetamine to another; and
 - at the time of the distribution, the person knew that he or she was distributing an illegal drug

Remember,

- the prosecution does not have to prove that any conspirator actually distributed methamphetamine for a conspiracy charge to be proved, *but*
- if there was no agreement, there was no conspiracy

Two, a defendant voluntarily and intentionally joined in the agreement or understanding.

The prosecution must prove that the defendant in question had some degree of knowing involvement and cooperation in the agreement to prove that he joined in the agreement.

A defendant may have joined in the agreement

- at any time during its existence

- even if he agreed to play only a minor role in it

A defendant did not have to do any of the following to join the agreement:

- join the agreement at the same time as all of the other conspirators
- know all of the details of the conspiracy, such as the names, identities, or locations of all of the other members, or
- conspire with every other member of the conspiracy

On the other hand, each of the following, alone, is not enough to show that a person joined the agreement:

- evidence that a person was merely present at the scene of an event
- evidence that a person merely acted in the same way as others
- evidence that a person merely associated with others
- evidence that a person was friends with or met socially with individuals involved in the conspiracy
- evidence that a person who had no knowledge of a conspiracy acted in a way that advanced an objective of the conspiracy
- evidence that a person merely knew of the existence of a conspiracy

- evidence that a person merely knew that an objective of the conspiracy was being considered or attempted, or
- evidence that a person merely approved of the objectives of the conspiracy

If you find that there was an agreement, but you find that the defendant in question did not join in that agreement, then you cannot find that defendant guilty of the charged conspiracy offense.

Three, at the time that a defendant joined in the agreement or understanding, he knew the purpose of the agreement or understanding.

The prosecution

- must prove that the defendant in question knew the purpose of the conspiracy, ***but***
- does not have to prove that he knew that what he did was unlawful

If the prosecution *does not* prove all of these elements beyond a reasonable doubt as to a particular defendant, then you must find that defendant not guilty of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense charged in the Indictment.

If you find a defendant guilty of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” charged in **Count 1** of the Indictment, then you must also determine the form and quantity of any methamphetamine involved in that conspiracy for which that defendant can be held responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8.

**No. 6 — COUNT 2: THE ALLEGED “DISTRIBUTING
ACTUAL (PURE) METHAMPHETAMINE”
OFFENSE**

Count 2 of the Indictment charges defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence with distributing 5 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine on or about October 24, 2014. The defendant denies that he committed this offense.

For you to find defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence guilty of this offense, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt *both* of the following elements against him:

One, on or about October 24, 2014, defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence intentionally distributed actual (pure) methamphetamine to another.

The prosecution must prove that any substance that the defendant distributed was, in fact, “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as defined in Instruction No. 4.

- You may consider all of the evidence in the case that may aid in the determination of this issue
- If the substance that the defendant distributed was not actual (pure) methamphetamine, as defined, then you cannot convict him of this offense, even if you find that he distributed some other controlled substance

***Two*, at the time of the distribution, the defendant knew that what he was distributing was an illegal drug.**

The defendant need not have known what the illegal drug was, if he knew that he was distributing some illegal drug.

If the prosecution fails to prove these elements beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence not guilty of distributing actual (pure) methamphetamine, as charged in **Count 2** of the Indictment.

If you find this defendant guilty of the this “distribution” offense, then you must also determine the quantity of any actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense for which he can be held responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8.

**No. 7 — COUNT 3: THE ALLEGED “POSSESSION
WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE
METHAMPHETAMINE” OFFENSE**

Count 3 of the Indictment charges defendant Troy Alan Lawrence with possessing with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine. The defendant denies that he committed this offense.

For you to find defendant Troy Alan Lawrence guilty of this offense, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt *all* of the following elements against him:

One, on or about September 12, 2014, defendant Troy Alan Lawrence possessed actual (pure) methamphetamine.

You must decide whether or not the substance that the defendant possessed was, in fact, actual (pure) methamphetamine, as defined in Instruction No. 4.

- You may consider all of the evidence in the case that may aid in the determination of this issue
- If the substance that the defendant possessed was not actual (pure) methamphetamine, as defined, then you cannot convict him of this offense, even if you find that he possessed some other controlled substance with intent to distribute it

Two, the defendant knew that he was, or intended to be, in possession of an illegal drug.

The defendant need not have known what the illegal drug was, if he knew that he was in possession of some illegal drug.

Three, the defendant intended to distribute the actual (pure) methamphetamine to another person.

You may, but are not required, to infer an “intent to distribute” from the following:

- drug purity, suggesting that the drugs were intended to be “cut” or diluted before distribution, if the evidence shows that the defendant was aware of such purity;
- the presence of firearms, cash, packaging material, or other distribution paraphernalia; and
- possession of a large quantity of actual (pure) methamphetamine in excess of what an individual user would consume

If the prosecution fails to prove these elements beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find defendant Troy Alan Lawrence not guilty of possessing with intent to distribute actual (pure) methamphetamine, as charged in **Count 3** of the Indictment.

On the other hand, if you find this defendant guilty of this offense, then you must also determine the quantity of any actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense for which he can be held responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8.

No. 8 — FORM AND QUANTITY OF METHAMPHETAMINE

If you find a defendant guilty of an offense charged in the Indictment, then you must determine beyond a reasonable doubt the form and quantity of any methamphetamine involved in that offense for which such a defendant can be held responsible and indicate those determinations in the appropriate blanks in the Verdict Form.

Methamphetamine For Which A Defendant Is Responsible

A defendant guilty of the “methamphetamine conspiracy,” as charged in **Count 1**, is responsible for:

- any methamphetamine that he actually distributed or agreed to distribute during the course of the conspiracy
- any methamphetamine that he personally used or acquired for personal use from a co-conspirator
- any methamphetamine that fellow conspirators actually distributed or agreed to distribute during the conspiracy that was reasonably foreseeable as a necessary or natural consequence of the conspiracy

A defendant guilty of “distributing actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as charged in **Count 2**,

- is responsible for any actual (pure) methamphetamine that he actually distributed, *but*

- is *not* responsible for any actual (pure) methamphetamine that he acquired or possessed only for his own personal use

A defendant guilty of “possessing with intent to distribute actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as charged in Count 3,

- is responsible for any actual (pure) methamphetamine that he possessed with intent to distribute, *but*
- is *not* responsible for any actual (pure) methamphetamine that he acquired or possessed only for personal use

Forms Of Methamphetamine

The “methamphetamine conspiracy,” charged in Count 1, allegedly involved either or both “methamphetamine mixture” and “actual (pure) methamphetamine.”

- You must determine the quantity of any form of methamphetamine that you find was involved in the “methamphetamine conspiracy”
- If you find that the “methamphetamine conspiracy” involved both “methamphetamine mixture” and “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” then you must determine the total quantity of each form of methamphetamine, even if the “actual (pure) methamphetamine” was contained in a “methamphetamine mixture”

The “**distributing**” offense, charged in **Count 2**, and the “**possessing with intent to distribute**” offense, charged in **Count 3**, allegedly involved *only* actual (pure) methamphetamine.

Quantities Of Methamphetamine And Actual (Pure) Methamphetamine

If you find that the “**methamphetamine conspiracy**” involved “methamphetamine mixture,” then you must indicate in the Verdict Form whether a defendant guilty of that offense can be held responsible for

- 500 grams or more of “methamphetamine mixture,” or
- 50 grams or more, but less than 500 grams, of “methamphetamine mixture,” or
- less than 50 grams of “methamphetamine mixture”

If you find that the “**methamphetamine conspiracy**” involved “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” then you must indicate in the Verdict Form whether a defendant guilty of that offense can be held responsible for

- 50 grams or more of “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” or
- 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” or
- less than 5 grams of “actual (pure) methamphetamine”

If you find defendant **Martin Thomas Lawrence** guilty of the “**distributing**” offense, then you must indicate in the Verdict Form whether he can be held responsible for

- 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” or
- less than 5 grams of “actual (pure) methamphetamine”

If you find defendant Troy Alan Lawrence guilty of the “possessing with intent” offense, then you must indicate in the Verdict Form whether he can be held responsible for

- 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” or
- less than 5 grams of “actual (pure) methamphetamine”

The following conversion table may be helpful:

POUNDS/OUNCES	GRAMS
1 lb.	453.6 g. (0.4536 kilogram)
2.2 lb.	1,000 g. (1 kilogram)
1 oz.	28.34 g. (0.028 kilogram)

**No. 9 — COUNT 4: THE ALLEGED “ATTEMPTING
TO INTERFERE WITH TESTIMONY” OFFENSE**

Count 4 of the Indictment charges both defendants with attempting and aiding and abetting another’s attempt to interfere with testimony. The defendants deny that they committed this offense.

A defendant can be found guilty of the offense charged in **Count 4** of the Indictment, if that defendant

- (1) “personally committed” the offense; or
- (2) “aided and abetted” another or others to commit the offense, or
- (3) both

You must consider the “aiding and abetting” alternative for each defendant for this offense, whatever your decision on whether that defendant “personally committed” this offense.

The “Personal Commission” Alternative

For you to find a particular defendant guilty of personally attempting to interfere with testimony, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt *both* of the following elements against him:

One, between about September of 2015 and October of 2015, a defendant knowingly attempted to use corrupt persuasion against either or both A.R. and C.M.

To prove that a particular defendant “attempted”
to use corrupt persuasion, the prosecution must prove

- that he intended to use corrupt persuasion, *and*
- that he voluntarily and intentionally carried out some act that was a substantial step toward corruptly persuading someone

A “substantial step”

- must be something more than mere preparation, but may be less than the last act necessary to corruptly persuade someone
- must be necessary to corruptly persuade someone, and
- must be of such a nature that a reasonable observer, viewing it in context, would conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that it was done to corruptly persuade someone

A defendant attempted to use “corrupt persuasion” if he was conscious of wrongdoing when attempting to persuade a person.

***Two*, a defendant did so with the intent to achieve one or more of the improper results alleged in this Count of the Indictment.**

The Indictment alleges that each defendant attempted to use corrupt persuasion against either or both A.R. and C.M. with the intent to achieve one or more of the following improper results:

- to delay or prevent the testimony of A.R. and/or C.M. in this trial
- to cause or induce A.R. and/or C.M. to withhold testimony at this trial

- to cause or induce A.R. and/or C.M. to evade legal process summoning them to appear as witnesses at this trial

“To cause” means to bring about or produce. “To induce” means to lead or move someone to do something.

The prosecution

- does not have to prove that a defendant attempted to corruptly persuade both A.R. and C.M., but must prove that he attempted to corruptly persuade at least one of them
- does not have to prove that a person’s testimony at trial was actually delayed, prevented, or withheld, or that a person actually evaded legal process summoning them to appear at trial
- does not have to prove that a defendant acted with intent to achieve all of the results alleged, but must prove that he acted with the intent to achieve one or more of those results

If the prosecution *does not* prove both of these elements beyond a reasonable doubt as to a particular defendant, then you must find that defendant not guilty of personally committing the “attempting to interfere with testimony” offense charged in **Count 4** of the Indictment.

The “Aiding And Abetting” Alternative

For you to find a particular defendant guilty of aiding and abetting another’s attempt to interfere with testimony, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt all of the following elements against that defendant:

***One*, between about September of 2015 and October of 2015, some person or persons personally committed the offense of attempting to interfere with testimony.**

The prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that some other person or persons personally committed the offense of attempting to interfere with testimony.

The prosecution does not have to

- identify the other person or persons who personally committed the offense
- obtain a conviction of the other person or persons of personally committing the offense

***Two*, before or at the time that the other person or persons personally committed the offense, a defendant knew that offense was being committed or was going to be committed.**

To be an aider and abettor, a defendant

- must have known that another or others were committing or going to commit the offense
- need not have known that the offense was a crime or illegal

A person who had no knowledge that a crime was being committed or about to be committed, but who happened to act in a way that advanced some offense, cannot be found guilty of “aiding and abetting” that offense.

***Three*, a defendant had enough advance knowledge of the extent and character of the charged offense that he was able to make a choice to walk away from the crime before all of the elements of that crime were completed.**

You may find that a defendant had the required advance knowledge of the commission of the charged offense, if you find

- that he failed to object, or
- that he failed to withdraw from actively participating in the commission of the offense

after he observed another participant complete one or more, but less than all, of the elements of the offense.

On the other hand, a defendant made no choice to aid and abet an offense, and this element is not proved,

- if his knowledge of the extent and character of the offense came too late for him to be reasonably able to act upon it, or
- if an attempt to withdraw or object would have been unreasonable, because it would have increased the risk of violence to him or others

***Four*, a defendant knowingly acted in some way for the purpose of causing, encouraging, or aiding the other person or persons to commit the offense.**

There must be knowing participation in an offense to “aid and abet” that offense. However, the prosecution does not have to prove that a defendant participated in each and every element of the offense. Rather, the prosecution must prove that a defendant aided and abetted the offense by knowingly providing assistance

- by words, acts, encouragement, or support of one or more elements of the offense.

The following, alone, are not enough to show that a defendant aided and abetted an offense:

- evidence that he was merely present at the scene of an event
- evidence that he merely acted in the same way as others
- evidence that he merely associated with others

***Five*, a defendant must have intended that the offense would be committed.**

The aider and abettor must have knowingly participated in the offense with the same purpose and the same intent for committing the offense as the person or persons who “personally committed” the offense.

If the prosecution fails to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that a particular defendant “aided and abetted” another’s “attempting to interfere with testimony” offense, then you cannot find that defendant guilty of “aiding and abetting” that offense.

No. 10 — DEFINITION OF EVIDENCE

Evidence is the following:

- testimony
- exhibits admitted into evidence, but exhibits are not necessarily more important than any other evidence, just because they are shown to you
- stipulations, which are agreements between the parties that certain facts are true; you must treat stipulated facts as having been proved

The following are not evidence:

- testimony that I tell you to disregard
- exhibits that are not admitted into evidence
- statements, arguments, questions, and comments by the lawyers
- objections and rulings on objections
- anything that you see or hear about this case outside the courtroom

You may have heard of “direct” or “circumstantial” evidence.

- “Direct” evidence is direct proof of a fact
 - An example is testimony by a witness about what that witness personally saw or heard or did
- “Circumstantial” evidence is proof of one or more facts from which you could find another fact

- An example is testimony that a witness personally saw a broken window and a brick on the floor, from which you could find that the brick broke the window
- You should consider both kinds of evidence, because the law makes no distinction between their weight
- The weight to be given any evidence, whether it is “direct” or “circumstantial,” is for you to decide.

Some evidence may be admitted only for a limited purpose.

- I will tell you if that happens
- I will instruct you on the purposes for which the evidence can and cannot be used

No. 11 — TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

You may believe all of what any witness says, only part of it, or none of it.

In evaluating a witness's testimony, consider the witness's

- Opportunity to have seen and heard what happened
- Memory. Memory is not an exact recording of past events and witnesses may misremember events and conversations. Scientific research has established
 - that human memory is not at all like video recordings that a witness can simply replay to remember precisely what happened
 - that when a witness has been exposed to statements, conversations, questions, writings, documents, photographs, media reports, and opinions of others, the accuracy of their memory may be affected and distorted
 - that a witness's memory, even if testified to in good faith, and with a high degree of confidence, may be inaccurate, unreliable, and falsely remembered; thus, human memory can be distorted, contaminated, or changed, and events and conversations can even be falsely imagined
 - that distortion, contamination, and falsely imagined memories may happen at each of the three stages of memory: acquisition (perception of events); storage (period of time between

acquisition and retrieval); and retrieval (recalling stored information).

- Demeanor. Scientific research has established
 - that there is not necessarily a relationship between how confident witnesses are about their testimony and the accuracy of their testimony; thus, less confident witnesses may be more accurate than confident witnesses
 - that common cultural cues, like shifty eyes, shifty body language, the failure to look one in the eye, grimaces, stammering speech, and other mannerisms, are not necessarily correlated to witness deception or false or inaccurate testimony
- Motives for testifying
- Interest in the outcome of the case
- Drug or alcohol use or addiction, if any
- The reasonableness of the witness's testimony

In evaluating a witness's testimony, also consider the following:

- Any differences between what the witness says now and said earlier
- Any inconsistencies between the witness's testimony and any other evidence that you believe
- Whether any inconsistencies are the result of seeing or hearing things differently, actually forgetting things, or innocent mistakes or are, instead, the result of lies or phony memory lapses, and

- Any other factors that you find bear on believability or credibility

If a defendant testifies,

- you should judge his testimony in the same way that you judge the testimony of any other witness

You should not give any more or less weight to a witness's testimony just because the witness is

- a public official or law enforcement officer
- an expert

You may give any witness's opinion whatever weight you think it deserves, but you should consider

- the reasons and perceptions on which the opinion is based
- any reason that the witness may be biased, and
- all of the other evidence in the case

You must consider with greater caution and care the testimony, if any, of a witness who is testifying

- that he or she participated in the charged offense, or
- after a promise from the prosecution not to use that witness's testimony, to a grand jury or at this trial, against that witness in a criminal case, or

- pursuant to a plea agreement
 - The plea agreement may be a “cooperation” plea agreement that provides that the prosecution may recommend a less severe sentence if the prosecutor believes that the witness has provided “substantial assistance”
 - A judge cannot reduce a sentence for “substantial assistance” unless the prosecution asks the judge to do so, but if the prosecution does ask, the judge decides if and how much to reduce the witness’s sentence

It is for you to decide

- what weight you think the testimony of such a witness deserves, and
- whether or not such a witness’s testimony has been influenced by
 - the desire to please the prosecution
 - any promises by the prosecution, or
 - a plea agreement

Remember, it is your exclusive right to give any witness’s testimony whatever weight you think it deserves.

No. 12 — OBJECTIONS

The lawyers may make objections and motions during the trial that I must rule upon.

- If I sustain an objection to a question before it is answered, do not draw any inferences or conclusions from the question itself
- Do not hold it against a lawyer or a party that a lawyer has made an objection, because lawyers have a duty to object to testimony or other evidence that they believe is not properly admissible

No. 13 — BENCH CONFERENCES

During the trial it may be necessary for me to talk with the lawyers out of your hearing.

- I may hold a bench conference while you are in the courtroom or call a recess
- These conferences are to decide how certain evidence is to be treated, to avoid confusion and error, and to save your valuable time, so please be patient
- We will do our best to keep such conferences short and infrequent

No. 14 — NOTE-TAKING

You are allowed to take notes during the trial if you want to.

- Be sure that your note-taking does not interfere with listening to and considering all the evidence
- Your notes are not necessarily more reliable than your memory or another juror's notes or memory
- Do not discuss your notes with anyone before you begin your deliberations
- Leave your notes on your chair during recesses and at the end of the day
- At the end of trial, you may take your notes with you or leave them to be destroyed
- No one else will ever be allowed to read your notes, unless you let them
- If you choose not to take notes, remember that it is your own individual responsibility to listen carefully to the evidence
- An official court reporter is making a record of the trial, but her transcripts will not be available for your use during your deliberations

No. 15 — CONDUCT OF JURORS DURING TRIAL

You must decide this case *solely* on the evidence and your own observations, experiences, reason, common sense, and the law in these Instructions. You must also keep to yourself any information that you learn in court until it is time to discuss this case with your fellow jurors during deliberations.

To ensure fairness, you must obey the following rules:

- Do not talk among yourselves about this case, or about anyone involved with it, until you go to the jury room to decide on your verdict.
- Do not talk with anyone else about this case, or about anyone involved with it, until the trial is over.
- When you are outside the courtroom, do not let anyone ask you about or tell you anything about this case, anyone involved with it, any news story, rumor, or gossip about it, until the trial is over. If someone should try to talk to you about this case during the trial, please report it to me.
- During the trial, you should not talk to any of the parties, lawyers, or witnesses—even to pass the time of day—so that there is no reason to be suspicious about your fairness. The lawyers, parties, and witnesses are not supposed to talk to you, either.
- You may need to tell your family, friends, teachers, co-workers, or employer about your participation in this trial, so that you can tell

them when you must be in court and warn them not to ask you or talk to you about the case. However, do not provide any information to anyone by any means about this case until after I have accepted your verdict. That means do not talk face-to-face or use any electronic device or media, such as the telephone, a cell or smart phone, a Blackberry, a PDA, a computer, the Internet, any Internet service, any text or instant messaging service, any Internet chat room, any blog, or any website such as Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, or Twitter, to communicate to anyone any information about this case until I accept your verdict.

- Do not do any research—on the Internet, in libraries, in the newspapers, in dictionaries or other reference books, or in any other way—or make any investigation about this case, the law, or the people involved on your own.
- Do not visit or view any place discussed in this case and do not use Internet maps or Google Earth or any other program or device to search for or to view any place discussed in the testimony.
- Do not read any news stories or articles, in print, on the Internet, or in any “blog,” about this case, or about anyone involved with it, or listen to any radio or television reports about it or about anyone involved with it, or let anyone tell you anything about any such news reports. I assure you that when you have heard all the evidence, you will know more about this case than anyone will learn through the news media—and it will be more accurate.

- Do not make up your mind during the trial about what the verdict should be. Keep an open mind until you have had a chance to discuss the evidence with other jurors during deliberations.
- Do not decide the case based on “implicit biases.” Everyone, including me, has feelings, assumptions, perceptions, fears, and stereotypes—that is, “implicit biases”—that we may not be aware of. These hidden thoughts can impact what we see and hear, how we remember what we see and hear, and how we make important decisions. Because you are making very important decisions in this case, I strongly encourage you to evaluate the evidence carefully and to resist jumping to conclusions based on personal likes or dislikes, generalizations, gut feelings, prejudices, sympathies, stereotypes, or biases. The law demands that you return a just verdict, based solely on the evidence, your individual evaluation of that evidence, your reason and common sense, and these instructions. Our system of justice is counting on you to render a fair decision based on the evidence, not on biases.
- A Verdict Form is attached to these Instructions. A Verdict Form is simply a written notice of your decision. After your deliberations, if you have reached a unanimous verdict, your foreperson will complete one copy of the Verdict Form by marking the appropriate blank or blanks for each question. You will all sign that copy to indicate that you agree with the verdict and that it is unanimous. Your foreperson

will then bring the signed Verdict Form to the courtroom when it is time to announce your verdict.

- If, at any time during the trial, you have a problem that you would like to bring to my attention, or if you feel ill or need to go to the restroom, please send a note to the Court Security Officer (CSO), who will give it to me. I want you to be comfortable, so please do not hesitate to tell us about any problem.

I will read the remaining two Instructions at the end of the evidence.

No. 16 — DUTY TO DELIBERATE

A verdict must represent the careful and impartial judgment of each of you. However, before you make that judgment, you must consult with one another and try to reach agreement, if you can do so consistent with your individual judgment.

- If you are convinced that the prosecution has *not* proved beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant is guilty of a charged offense, say so
- If you are convinced that the prosecution *has* proved beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant is guilty of a charged offense, say so
- Don't give up your honest beliefs just because others think differently or because you simply want to be finished with the case
- On the other hand, do not hesitate to re-examine your own views and to change your opinions, if you are convinced that they are wrong
- You can only reach a unanimous verdict if you discuss your views openly and frankly, with proper regard for the opinions of others, and with a willingness to re-examine your own views
- Remember that you are not advocates, but judges of the facts, so your sole interest is to seek the truth from the evidence
- The question is never who wins or loses the case, because society always wins, whatever your verdict, when you return a just verdict

based solely on the evidence, reason, your common sense, and these instructions

- You must consider all of the evidence bearing on each question before you
- Take all the time that you feel is necessary
- Remember that this case is important to the parties and to the fair administration of justice, so do not be in a hurry to reach a verdict just to be finished with the case

No. 17 — DUTY DURING DELIBERATIONS

You must follow certain rules while conducting your deliberations and returning your verdict:

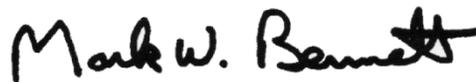
- Select a foreperson to preside over your discussions and to speak for you here in court.
- Do not consider punishment in any way in deciding whether a defendant is not guilty or guilty. If a defendant is guilty of a charged offense, I will decide what his sentence should be.
- Communicate with me by sending me a note through a CSO. The note must be signed by one or more of you. Remember that you should not tell anyone, including me, how your votes stand. I will respond as soon as possible, either in writing or orally in open court.
- Base your verdict solely on the evidence, reason, your common sense, and these instructions. Again, nothing I have said or done was intended to suggest what your verdict should be—that is entirely for you to decide.
- Reach your verdict without discrimination. In reaching your verdict, you must not consider a defendant's race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex. You are not to return a verdict for or against a defendant unless you would return the same verdict without regard to his race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex. To emphasize the importance of this requirement, the verdict form

contains a certification statement. Each of you should carefully read that statement, then sign your name in the appropriate place in the signature block, if the statement accurately reflects how you reached your verdict.

- Complete the Verdict Form. The foreperson must bring the signed Verdict Form to the courtroom when it is time to announce your verdict.
- When you have reached a verdict, the foreperson will advise the CSO that you are ready to return to the courtroom.

Good luck with your deliberations.

DATED this 26th day of October, 2015.



MARK W. BENNETT
U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARTIN THOMAS LAWRENCE
and TROY ALAN LAWRENCE,

Defendants.

No. CR 15-69-MWB

VERDICT FORM

I. DEFENDANT MARTIN THOMAS LAWRENCE

As to defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence, we, the Jury, find as follows:

COUNT 1: THE ALLEGED “METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense, charged in Count 1 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 5 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the questions in Step 2. Instead, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 2 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Guilty <input type="checkbox"/> Guilty

Step 2: Form and Quantity of Methamphetamine	<i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate (a) which one or more forms of methamphetamine were involved in the conspiracy, and (b) the quantity of any form of methamphetamine involved in the conspiracy for which he is responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8. (When you have answered the questions in this step, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 2 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	
(a)	___ methamphetamine mixture	___ actual (pure) methamphetamine
(b)	___ 500 grams or more	___ 50 grams or more
	___ 50 grams or more, but less than 500 grams	___ 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams
	___ less than 50 grams	___ less than 5 grams
COUNT 2: THE ALLEGED “DISTRIBUTING ACTUAL (PURE) METHAMPHETAMINE” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the charge of “distributing actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as charged in Count 2 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 6 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the question in Step 2. Instead, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 4 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	___ Not Guilty ___ Guilty
Step 2: Quantity of Actual (Pure) Methamphetamine	<i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the offense charged in Count 2 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate the quantity of actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense for which he is responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8. (When you have answered the question in this step, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 4 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	
	___ 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of actual (pure) methamphetamine	
	___ less than 5 grams of actual (pure) methamphetamine	

COUNT 4: THE ALLEGED “ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH TESTIMONY” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the charge of “attempting to interfere with testimony,” as charged in Count 4 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 9 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the question in Step 2. Instead, please read the Certification, below, sign this Verdict Form, then go on to consider your verdict on the charges against defendant Troy Alan Lawrence.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Guilty <input type="checkbox"/> Guilty
Step 2: Alternative(s)	<i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the offense charged in Count 4 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate whether you find him guilty of “personally committing” and/or “aiding and abetting” each of the following results. (When you have answered the question in this step, please read the Certification, below, sign this Verdict Form, then go on to consider your verdict on the charges against defendant Troy Alan Lawrence.)</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to delay the testimony of A.R. in this trial
	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to delay the testimony of C.M. in this trial
	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to prevent the testimony of A.R. in this trial
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	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to cause A.R. to withhold testimony at this trial
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	___ personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion ___ aiding and abetting another's attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to cause A.R. to evade legal process summoning them to appear as witnesses at this trial
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CERTIFICATION

By signing below, each juror certifies the following:
 (1) that consideration of this defendant's race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex was not involved in reaching the juror's individual decision, *and*
 (2) that the individual juror would have returned the same verdict for or against this defendant on the charged offense regardless of this defendant's race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex.

_____ Date

_____ Foreperson

_____ Juror

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Juror	Juror

I. DEFENDANT TROY ALAN LAWRENCE

As to defendant Troy Alan Lawrence, we, the Jury, find as follows:

COUNT 1: THE ALLEGED “METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense, charged in Count 1 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 5 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the questions in Step 2. Instead, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 3 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	___ Not Guilty ___ Guilty
Step 2: Form and Quantity of Methamphetamine	<i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate (a) which one or more forms of methamphetamine were involved in the conspiracy, and (b) the quantity of any form of methamphetamine involved in the conspiracy for which he is responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8. (When you have answered the questions in this step, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 3 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	
(a)	___ methamphetamine mixture	___ actual (pure) methamphetamine
(b)	___ 500 grams or more	___ 50 grams or more
	___ 50 grams or more, but less than 500 grams	___ 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams
	___ less than 50 grams	___ less than 5 grams
COUNT 3: THE ALLEGED “POSSESSING WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE ACTUAL (PURE) METHAMPHETAMINE” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the charge of “possessing with intent to distribute actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as charged in Count 3 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 7 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the question in Step 2. Instead, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 4 in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	___ Not Guilty ___ Guilty

<p>Step 2: Quantity of Actual (Pure) Methamphetamine</p>	<p><i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the offense charged in Count 3 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate the quantity of actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense for which he is responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8. (When you have answered the question in this step, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 4 in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i></p>	
	<p>___ 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of actual (pure) methamphetamine</p>	
	<p>___ less than 5 grams of actual (pure) methamphetamine</p>	
<p>COUNT 4: THE ALLEGED “ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH TESTIMONY” OFFENSE</p>		<p>VERDICT</p>
<p>Step 1: Verdict</p>	<p>On the charge of “attempting to interfere with testimony,” as charged in Count 4 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 9, please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the question in Step 2. Instead, please read the Certification, below, sign this Verdict Form, and notify the CSO that you have reached a verdict.)</i></p>	<p>___ Not Guilty ___ Guilty</p>
<p>Step 2: Alternative(s)</p>	<p><i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the offense charged in Count 4 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate whether you find him guilty of “personally committing” and/or “aiding and abetting” each of the following results. (When you have answered the question in this step, please read the Certification, below, sign this Verdict Form, and notify the CSO that you have reached a verdict.)</i></p>	
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By signing below, each juror certifies the following:

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Date

Foreperson	Juror
Juror	Juror

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**COURT’S PROPOSED
INSTRUCTIONS
TO THE JURY**

(10/20/15 SECOND REVISED
“ANNOTATED” VERSION)

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VERDICT FORM

No. 18 — INTRODUCTION¹

Congratulations on your selection as a juror! These Instructions are to help you better understand the trial and your role in it.

In an Indictment, a Grand Jury has charged defendants Martin Thomas Lawrence and Troy Alan Lawrence with offenses allegedly involving methamphetamine and attempting to interfere with testimony.² An Indictment is simply an accusation—it is not evidence of anything. Each defendant has pled not guilty to the crimes charged against him, and he is presumed absolutely not guilty

¹ *Compare* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 1.01 (2014). For many years, I have *not* given separate preliminary and final jury instructions. Rather, before opening statements, I provide the jurors with “front-end loaded” instructions that explain all of the issues that we can reasonably anticipate and the “elements” in the charged offense. I reserve only the last two instructions, on deliberations, to read after the parties’ closing arguments. In rare circumstances, where either unexpected issues arise during trial or I must assess the adequacy of certain evidence before instructing on an issue, I give “supplemental” instructions during the trial or at the close of the evidence. At this point, I do not anticipate the need for any “supplemental” jury instructions in this case.

² I do not find it necessary to reiterate more specifically the offenses with which the defendants are charged. Rather, I will address the charged offenses with particularity in the “elements” instructions. I have now incorporated the new charge, in **Count 4** of the Superseding Indictment (docket no. 56). I note that the prosecution described this offense as “obstruction of justice” in the Superseding Indictment, but the case law almost uniformly describes it as “witness tampering,” which is both much more descriptive and, perhaps, more prejudicial. I have attempted to find a less potentially prejudicial description, but one that is still more illuminating than “obstruction of justice,” while avoiding uncharged alternatives under the statute (such as “influenc[ing] . . . the testimony of any person”). Therefore, I have used “attempting to interfere with testimony.”

of each offense, unless and until the prosecution proves his guilt on that offense beyond a reasonable doubt.

You must decide during your deliberations whether or not the prosecution has proved each defendant's guilt on the offenses charged against him beyond a reasonable doubt. In making your decision, you are the sole judges of the facts. You must not decide this case based on personal likes or dislikes, generalizations, gut feelings, prejudices, sympathies, stereotypes, or biases. The law demands that you return a just verdict, based solely on the evidence, your individual evaluation of that evidence, your reason and common sense, and these instructions. Do not take anything that I have said or done or that I may say or do as indicating what I think of the evidence or what I think your verdict should be.

Remember, only defendants Martin Thomas Lawrence and Troy Alan Lawrence, and not anyone else, are on trial. Also, each defendant is on trial *only* for the offenses charged against him in the Indictment, and not for anything else.

Each defendant is entitled to have the charges against him considered separately, based solely on the evidence that applies to him. *Therefore, you must give separate consideration to each charge against each defendant and return a separate, unanimous verdict on each charge against each defendant.*³

Please remember that this case is important to the parties and to the fair administration of justice. Therefore, please be patient, consider all of the evidence, and do not be in a hurry to reach a verdict just to be finished with the case.

³ This paragraph addresses separate consideration of the charges against each defendant. *Compare* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 2.14 (2014).

**No. 19 — PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE AND
BURDEN OF PROOF⁴**

The presumption of innocence means that each defendant is presumed to be absolutely not guilty.

- This presumption means that you must put aside all suspicion that might arise from each defendant's arrest, the charge, or the fact that he is here in court
- This presumption remains with each defendant throughout the trial
- This presumption is enough, alone, for you to find each defendant not guilty of each offense charged against him, unless the prosecution proves, beyond a reasonable doubt, all of the elements of that offense

The burden is always on the prosecution to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

- This burden never, ever shifts to a defendant to prove his innocence
- This burden means that a defendant does not have to call any witnesses, produce any evidence, cross-examine the prosecution's witnesses, or testify
- This burden means that, if a defendant does not testify, you must not consider that fact in any way, or even discuss it, in arriving at your verdict

⁴ Compare 8th Cir. Criminal Model 3.05 (2014).

- This burden means that you must find a defendant not guilty of an offense charged against him, unless the prosecution proves beyond a reasonable doubt that he has committed each and every element of that offense

No. 20 — REASONABLE DOUBT⁵

A reasonable doubt is a doubt based upon reason and common sense.

- A reasonable doubt may arise from evidence produced by the prosecution or either defendant, keeping in mind that a defendant never, ever has the burden or duty to call any witnesses or to produce any evidence
- A reasonable doubt may arise from the prosecution's lack of evidence

The prosecution must prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

- Proof beyond a reasonable doubt requires careful and impartial consideration of all of the evidence in the case before making a decision
- Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof so convincing that you would be willing to rely and act on it in the most important of your own affairs

The prosecution's burden is heavy, but it does not require proof beyond all doubt.

⁵ Compare 8th Cir. Criminal Model 3.11 (2014).

No. 21 — OTHER IMPORTANT TERMS⁶

Before I turn to specific instructions on the offenses charged in this case, I will explain some important terms.

Elements

Each offense charged consists of “elements,” which are the parts of the offense. The prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt all of the elements of an offense charged against a defendant for you to find that defendant guilty of that offense.⁷

⁶ I recognize that 8th Cir. Criminal Model 7.05 (2014) provides an instruction on “proof of intent or knowledge.” In late 2001, during one of my numerous attempts to refine and streamline my stock jury instructions, I stopped giving the second paragraph of that model, concerning inferring intent from the natural and probable consequences of acts knowingly done. At that time, I explained that I had deleted that language, because I simply did not believe that it was helpful to the jury, and I doubted that jurors would understand what it meant. In approximately late 2009, I stopped giving any instruction at all on “knowledge” and “intent” as unnecessary and unhelpful to the jury. I do not find 8th Cir. Criminal Model 7.05, or any part of it, to be either necessary or helpful here. See *United States v. Iron Eyes*, 367 F.3d 781, 785 (8th Cir. 2004) (“In our circuit, . . . a trial judge is not required to give the jury such a definition [of ‘knowingly’ or ‘knowing’] because the definition is ‘a matter of common knowledge.’” (quoting *United States v. Brown*, 33 F.3d 1014, 1017 (8th Cir. 1994))).

⁷ Judges and attorneys take for granted that an offense has “elements,” but this concept may not be so obvious to lay jurors.

Timing

The Indictment alleges that each offense occurred during an approximate time period or “on or about” a certain date.

- The prosecution does not have to prove that an offense occurred on an exact date
- The prosecution only has to prove that an offense occurred at a time that was reasonably close to the date or reasonably close to or within the period alleged for that offense in the Indictment

Location

You must decide whether the defendants’ conduct occurred in the Northern District of Iowa.

- The prosecution alleges that the defendants’ criminal conduct occurred in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which is in Linn County, and Monticello, Iowa, which is in Jones County, all of which are in the Northern District of Iowa⁸

Methamphetamine

The offenses charged in this case allegedly involved methamphetamine. Methamphetamine is an illegal drug. Two forms of methamphetamine are allegedly involved in this case:

⁸ ***The parties are asked to identify any town(s) or count(ies) in which the criminal offense allegedly occurred. The prosecution supplied the identification of towns and counties that I have included in this version.***

- “methamphetamine mixture”
 - “methamphetamine mixture” is a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine
- “actual (pure) methamphetamine”
 - “actual (pure) methamphetamine” is methamphetamine itself—either by itself or contained in a methamphetamine mixture⁹

*Possession*¹⁰

A person possessed something if both of the following are true:

- the person knew about it, *and*
- the person had
 - physical control over it, *or*
 - the power, or ability,¹¹ and the intention to control it, *or*
 - control over a place in which it was concealed¹²

⁹ My “stock” instruction on forms of methamphetamine. *See United States v. Kuenstler*, 325 F.3d 1015, 1023 (8th Cir. 2003) (defining the phrase “mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine”); U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1 (defining “methamphetamine (actual)”); *see also United States v. Mesner*, 377 F.3d 849, 852 & n.1 (8th Cir. 2004) (relying on U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1); *United States v. Houston*, 338 F.3d 876, 881 (8th Cir. 2003) (same).

¹⁰ 9th Cir. Criminal Model 3.18 (modified and recast in past tense).

¹¹ *See United States v. Zoch*, No. CR 11-4031-MWB (N.D. Iowa Nov. 16, 2011) (docket no. 55-1) (giving an explanation of “power” in terms of “ability” in answer to a jury question).

¹² This explanation is consistent with numerous decisions of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. *See, e.g., United States v. Goodrich*, 739 F.3d 1091, 1097 (8th Cir. 2014) (“Constructive possession is established by proof that the defendant had control

More than one person may have possessed something at the same time.¹³

over the place where the firearm was located, or control, ownership, or dominion of the [item] itself.’” (quoting *United States v. Brown*, 634 F.3d 435, 439 (8th Cir. 2011)). I recognize that the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has also stated, “[C]onstructive possession generally requires knowledge of an object, the ability to control it, and the intent to do so.’” *United States v. Chantharath*, 705 F.3d 295, 304 (8th Cir. 2013) (quoting *United States v. Pazour*, 609 F.3d 950, 952–53 (8th Cir. 2010)). Nevertheless, the “intent to control” requirement is not necessarily “intent to exercise control over the [item],” but may be “‘intent and ability to exercise control over [the item] or the place where it is kept.’” *United States v. Kent*, 531 F.3d 642, 652 (8th Cir. 2008) (emphasis added) (quoting *United States v. Robertson*, 519 F.3d 452, 455 (8th Cir. 2008)). Also, even when “intent to control” is expressly identified as a requirement, it is not always explicitly considered in determining the sufficiency of the evidence of constructive possession. See, e.g., *Chantharath*, 705 F.3d at 304 (finding sufficient evidence of constructive possession of a firearm where the defendant was the registered tenant of the house and apartment where the firearms were discovered and he acknowledged possession of a firearm at the house when he sent another person to retrieve a bag that the defendant claimed contained firearms). Furthermore, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has recognized that, where “constructive possession requires evidence that a defendant knowingly had the power and intention to exercise control over a[n] [item],” “[s]uch possession may be established by showing the defendant had dominion over the premises where the [item] is kept.” *United States v. Saddler*, 538 F.3d 879, 888 (8th Cir. 2008). Where it is proper to infer “intent to control” an item or the place where it is found from “knowledge” of the item and “dominion” (or “control”) of the item or the place where the item is found, it is not necessary to state “intent to control” the item or the place where it is found as an express requirement of constructive possession.

¹³ I find that it is unnecessary to include an additional instruction defining “sole” and “joint” possession, as set out in 8th Cir. Criminal Model 8.02 (2014), because instructing that “[m]ore than one person may have possessed something at the same time” adequately addresses the concepts of “sole” and “joint” possession.

*Distribution*¹⁴

A person distributed an illegal drug, if the person transferred possession of the illegal drug to another person.

The prosecution does not have to prove

- that the illegal drug was “sold,” or
- that money or anything of value changed hands

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I will now give you the “elements” instructions on the charged offenses. The “elements” themselves are set out in **bold**.

¹⁴ 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.21.841B n.1 (2014) (suggesting that “transfer” may be more understandable than “distribute”); *see also United States v. Ragland*, 555 F.3d 706, 714 (8th Cir. 2009) (noting that “[n]o commercial element is required,” and citing cases).

**No. 22 — COUNT 1: THE ALLEGED
“METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY”
OFFENSE¹⁵**

Count 1 of the Indictment charges defendants Martin Thomas Lawrence and Troy Alan Lawrence with a “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense. The defendants deny that they committed this offense.

For you to find a particular defendant guilty of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt *all* of the following elements against him:¹⁶

***One*, at some time during the period alleged for the conspiracy, that is, from about September 2013 and continuing to on or about January 27, 2015, in the Northern District of Iowa, two or more persons reached an agreement or understanding to distribute methamphetamine.**

A conspiracy is an agreement of two or more persons to commit one or more crimes. For this element to be proved,

¹⁵ Compare 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.21.846A (2014).

¹⁶ I consider a drug conspiracy offense to be complete upon proof of these elements; determination of the drug quantity involved (where necessary) is made pursuant to a separate Instruction, not as an element of the offense (or as a “lesser-included offense”). This is so, because drug quantity is only the “functional equivalent” of an element of the offense under *Apprendi* and its progeny *in the specific sense* that drug quantity must be charged and determined by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. Moreover, treating drug quantity as an element or as the basis for a “lesser-included offense” determination is unnecessarily confusing to a jury.

- the defendant in question may have been, but did not have to be, one of the original conspirators
- the crime that the conspirators agreed to commit did not actually have to be committed
- the agreement did not have to be written or formal
- the agreement did not have to involve every detail of the conspiracy¹⁷

Here, the conspirators allegedly agreed to “distribute methamphetamine.”

- To help you decide whether or not the conspirators agreed to “distribute methamphetamine,” you should consider the elements of that crime
- The elements of “distributing methamphetamine” are the following:
 - a person intentionally distributed methamphetamine to another; and
 - at the time of the distribution, the person knew that he or she was distributing an illegal drug¹⁸

Remember,

- the prosecution does not have to prove that any conspirator actually distributed

¹⁷ 9th Cir. Criminal Model 8.16, ¶¶ 6-7.

¹⁸ See 8th Cir. Crim. Model 6.21.841B (2014).

methamphetamine for a conspiracy charge to be proved, *but*

- if there was no agreement, there was no conspiracy¹⁹

Two, a defendant voluntarily and intentionally joined in the agreement or understanding.

The prosecution must prove that the defendant in question had some degree of knowing involvement and cooperation in the agreement to prove that he joined in the agreement.²⁰

A defendant may have joined in the agreement

- at any time during its existence
- even if he agreed to play only a minor role in it²¹

¹⁹ See 8th Cir. Criminal Model 5.06A-2 (2014) (success immaterial and “agreement” explained).

²⁰ See *United States v. Shakur*, 691 F.3d 979, 989 (8th Cir. 2012) (“To establish that a defendant conspired to distribute drugs under 21 U.S.C. § 846, the government must prove: (1) that there was a conspiracy, i.e., an agreement to distribute the drugs; (2) that the defendant knew of the conspiracy; and (3) that the defendant intentionally joined the conspiracy.” (quoting *United States v. Bowie*, 618 F.3d 802, 812 (8th Cir.2010) (quotation omitted), *cert. denied*, --- U.S. ----, 131 S.Ct. 954 (2011)); *United States v. Slagg*, 651 F.3d 832, 846 (8th Cir. 2011) (“To prove that Taylor participated in the charged conspiracy, the Government was required to present evidence ‘establish[ing] some degree of knowing involvement and cooperation,’ *United States v. Cabrera*, 116 F.3d 1243, 1244 (8th Cir. 1997) (quoting *United States v. Fregoso*, 60 F.3d 1314, 1323 (8th Cir. 1995)), beyond ‘a mere sales agreement with respect to contraband,’ *United States v. West*, 15 F.3d 119, 121 (8th Cir. 1994).”).

²¹ 8th Cir. Criminal Model 5.06A-2 (2014) (“minor role”).

A defendant did not have to do any of the following to join the agreement:

- join the agreement at the same time as all of the other conspirators
- know all of the details of the conspiracy, such as the names, identities, or locations of all of the other members, or
- conspire with every other member of the conspiracy²²

On the other hand, each of the following, alone, is not enough to show that a person joined the agreement:

- evidence that a person was merely present at the scene of an event
- evidence that a person merely acted in the same way as others
- evidence that a person merely associated with others
- evidence that a person was friends with or met socially with individuals involved in the conspiracy
- evidence that a person who had no knowledge of a conspiracy acted in a way that advanced an objective of the conspiracy
- evidence that a person merely knew of the existence of a conspiracy

²² 8th Cir. Criminal Model 5.06A-2 (2014).

- evidence that a person merely knew that an objective of the conspiracy was being considered or attempted, or
- evidence that a person merely approved of the objectives of the conspiracy²³

If you find that there was an agreement, but you find that the defendant in question did not join in that agreement, then you cannot find that defendant guilty of the charged conspiracy offense.

Three, at the time that a defendant joined in the agreement or understanding, he knew the purpose of the agreement or understanding.

The prosecution

- must prove that the defendant in question knew the purpose of the conspiracy, ***but***
- does not have to prove that he knew that what he did was unlawful

If the prosecution *does not* prove all of these elements beyond a reasonable doubt as to a particular defendant, then you must find that defendant not guilty of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense charged in the Indictment.

²³ My stock “mere presence,” etc.,” instruction, modified in light of 8th Cir. Criminal Model 5.06A-2 (2014); *United States v. Burchinal*, 657 F.2d 885, 991 n.3 (8th Cir. 1981) (“Although we are aware that neither mere association with members of a conspiracy nor mere knowledge, approval or acquiescence in the object of a conspiracy is sufficient as proof that an individual is part of that conspiracy, [citing cases], there is no issue in the present case as to whether Burchinal contributed to the furtherance of the conspiracy.”).

If you find a defendant guilty of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” charged in **Count 1** of the Indictment, then you must also determine the form and quantity of any methamphetamine involved in that conspiracy for which that defendant can be held responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8.

**No. 23 — COUNT 2: THE ALLEGED
“DISTRIBUTING ACTUAL (PURE)
METHAMPHETAMINE” OFFENSE²⁴**

Count 2 of the Indictment charges defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence with distributing 5 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine on or about October 24, 2014. The defendant denies that he committed this offense.

For you to find defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence guilty of this offense, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt *both* of the following elements against him:

One, on or about October 24, 2014, defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence intentionally distributed actual (pure) methamphetamine to another.

The prosecution must prove that any substance that the defendant distributed was, in fact, “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as defined in Instruction No. 4.²⁵

²⁴ 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.21.841B (2014). In my view, a “distribution” offense is complete upon proof of these elements. The quantity of actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in a particular offense is only the “functional equivalent” of an element of a “distribution” offense *in the specific sense* that it must be charged in the indictment and proved to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt; distributions of lesser quantities are not “lesser-included offenses.” Thus, the determination of the quantity of actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense can be determined separately, if the defendant is guilty of the offense, pursuant to Instruction No. 8. *See, supra*, n.16.

²⁵ *United States v. Sheppard*, 219 F.3d 766, 768 n.2 (8th Cir. 2000) (“[T]he § 841(b) sentencing provisions only require the government to prove that the offense ‘involved’ a particular type and quantity of controlled substance, not that the defendant knew he was distributing that particular type and quantity. Thus, to the extent *Apprendi* applies, the jury need only be instructed to find, as it did in this case, that a particular type and quantity of controlled substance was involved in the offense.”).

- You may consider all of the evidence in the case that may aid in the determination of this issue
- If the substance that the defendant distributed was not actual (pure) methamphetamine, as defined, then you cannot convict him of this offense, even if you find that he distributed some other controlled substance

Two, at the time of the distribution, the defendant knew that what he was distributing was an illegal drug.

The defendant need not have known what the illegal drug was, if he knew that he was distributing some illegal drug.²⁶

If the prosecution fails to prove these elements beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence not guilty of distributing actual (pure) methamphetamine, as charged in **Count 2** of the Indictment.

If you find this defendant guilty of the this “distribution” offense, then you must also determine the quantity of any actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense for which he can be held responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8.

²⁶ *Id.*; 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.21.841B, n.3 (2014).

**No. 24 — COUNT 3: THE ALLEGED “POSSESSION
WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE
METHAMPHETAMINE” OFFENSE²⁷**

Count 3 of the Indictment charges defendant Troy Alan Lawrence with possessing with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine. The defendant denies that he committed this offense.

For you to find defendant Troy Alan Lawrence guilty of this offense, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt *all* of the following elements against him:

One, on or about September 12, 2014, defendant Troy Alan Lawrence possessed actual (pure) methamphetamine.

You must decide whether or not the substance that the defendant possessed was, in fact, actual (pure) methamphetamine, as defined in Instruction No. 4.

- You may consider all of the evidence in the case that may aid in the determination of this issue
- If the substance that the defendant possessed was not actual (pure) methamphetamine, as defined, then you cannot convict him of this offense, even if you find that he possessed some other controlled substance with intent to distribute it

²⁷ See 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.21.841A (2014). Again, in my view, the offense of “possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine” is complete upon the proof of these elements, and the form and quantity of methamphetamine involved in the offense can be determined separately, pursuant to Instruction No. 8. See, *supra*, n.16.

Two, the defendant knew that he was, or intended to be, in possession of an illegal drug.

The defendant need not have known what the illegal drug was, if he knew that he was in possession of some illegal drug.²⁸

Three, the defendant intended to distribute the actual (pure) methamphetamine to another person.²⁹

You may, but are not required, to infer an “intent to distribute” from the following:

²⁸ 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.21.841A, n.2 (2014).

²⁹ The Committee Comments and note 4 to 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.21.841A (2014) observe that it is uncertain whether drugs intended only for personal use are included in the drug quantity for a “possession with intent” offense, but add that the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has concluded that drugs possessed solely for personal use should not be included and that the phrase “some or all,” therefore, “should be used with care.” The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has reiterated,

[W]here a defendant is “charged with conspiracy to distribute [a controlled substance] ... the amount consumed for personal use should be included in the total.” *United States v. Kamerud*, 326 F.3d 1008, 1013 (8th Cir.2003). By contrast, “[d]rugs acquired for personal use are not relevant conduct when [the] charge is for possession with intent to distribute.” *Id.* (citing *United States v. Fraser*, 243 F.3d 473, 475–76 (8th Cir.2001)).

United States v. Payton, 636 F.3d 1027, 1047 (8th Cir. 2011). Using the suggested care, I believe that it is appropriate to delete the “some or all” language from this element, and require that the defendant intended to distribute “the actual (pure) methamphetamine” to another person. Doing so will remove any potential conflict with the part of the “quantity” instruction, Instruction No. 8, concerning the quantity for a “possession with intent” offense, which will specifically state that methamphetamine possessed only for personal use is *not* included in the quantity for such an offense.

- drug purity, suggesting that the drugs were intended to be “cut” or diluted before distribution, if the evidence shows that the defendant was aware of such purity;
- the presence of firearms, cash, packaging material, or other distribution paraphernalia; and
- possession of a large quantity of actual (pure) methamphetamine in excess of what an individual user would consume³⁰

If the prosecution fails to prove these elements beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find defendant Troy Alan Lawrence not guilty of possessing with intent to distribute actual (pure) methamphetamine, as charged in **Count 3** of the Indictment.

On the other hand, if you find this defendant guilty of this offense, then you must also determine the quantity of any actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense for which he can be held responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8.

³⁰ See 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.21.841A n.3 (2014).

**No. 25 — FORM AND QUANTITY OF
METHAMPHETAMINE**

If you find a defendant guilty of an offense charged in the Indictment, then you must determine beyond a reasonable doubt the form and quantity of any methamphetamine involved in that offense for which such a defendant can be held responsible and indicate those determinations in the appropriate blanks in the Verdict Form.

Methamphetamine For Which A Defendant Is Responsible

A defendant guilty of the “methamphetamine conspiracy,” as charged in **Count 1**, is responsible for:

- any methamphetamine that he actually distributed or agreed to distribute during the course of the conspiracy
- any methamphetamine that he personally used or acquired for personal use from a co-conspirator
- any methamphetamine that fellow conspirators actually distributed or agreed to distribute during the conspiracy that was reasonably foreseeable as a necessary or natural consequence of the conspiracy

A defendant guilty of “distributing actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as charged in **Count 2**,

- is responsible for any actual (pure) methamphetamine that he actually distributed, *but*

- is *not* responsible for any actual (pure) methamphetamine that he acquired or possessed only for his own personal use

A defendant guilty of “possessing with intent to distribute actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as charged in Count 3,

- is responsible for any actual (pure) methamphetamine that he possessed with intent to distribute, *but*
- is *not* responsible for any actual (pure) methamphetamine that he acquired or possessed only for personal use

Forms Of Methamphetamine

The “methamphetamine conspiracy,” charged in Count 1, allegedly involved either or both “methamphetamine mixture” and “actual (pure) methamphetamine.”

- You must determine the quantity of any form of methamphetamine that you find was involved in the “methamphetamine conspiracy”
- If you find that the “methamphetamine conspiracy” involved both “methamphetamine mixture” and “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” then you must determine the total quantity of each form of methamphetamine, even if the “actual (pure) methamphetamine” was contained in a “methamphetamine mixture”

The “**distributing**” offense, charged in **Count 2**, and the “**possessing with intent to distribute**” offense, charged in **Count 3**, allegedly involved *only* actual (pure) methamphetamine.

Quantities Of Methamphetamine And Actual (Pure) Methamphetamine

If you find that the “methamphetamine conspiracy” involved “methamphetamine mixture,” then you must indicate in the Verdict Form whether a defendant guilty of that offense can be held responsible for

- 500 grams or more of “methamphetamine mixture,” or
- 50 grams or more, but less than 500 grams, of “methamphetamine mixture,” or
- less than 50 grams of “methamphetamine mixture”

If you find that the “methamphetamine conspiracy” involved “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” then you must indicate in the Verdict Form whether a defendant guilty of that offense can be held responsible for

- 50 grams or more of “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” or
- 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” or
- less than 5 grams of “actual (pure) methamphetamine”

If you find defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence guilty of the “distributing” offense, then you must indicate in the Verdict Form whether he can be held responsible for

- 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” or
- less than 5 grams of “actual (pure) methamphetamine”

If you find defendant Troy Alan Lawrence guilty of the “possessing with intent” offense, then you must indicate in the Verdict Form whether he can be held responsible for

- 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of “actual (pure) methamphetamine,” or
- less than 5 grams of “actual (pure) methamphetamine”

The following conversion table may be helpful:

POUNDS/OUNCES	GRAMS
1 lb.	453.6 g. (0.4536 kilogram)
2.2 lb.	1,000 g. (1 kilogram)
1 oz.	28.34 g. (0.028 kilogram)

**No. 26 — COUNT 4: THE ALLEGED
“ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH
TESTIMONY” OFFENSE³¹**

Count 4 of the Indictment charges both defendants with attempting and aiding and abetting another’s attempt to interfere with testimony. The defendants deny that they committed this offense.

A defendant can be found guilty of the offense charged in **Count 4** of the Indictment, if that defendant

- (1) “personally committed” the offense; or
- (2) “aided and abetted” another or others to commit the offense, or
- (3) both

You must consider the “aiding and abetting” alternative for each defendant for this offense, whatever your decision on whether that defendant “personally committed” this offense.

The “Personal Commission” Alternative

For you to find a particular defendant guilty of personally attempting to interfere with testimony, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt *both* of the following elements against him:

³¹ This offense was added as **Count 4** of the Superseding Indictment (docket no. 56), filed on October 14, 2015. See 18 U.S.C. § 1512(a)(1), (a)(2)(A), and (a)(2)(C); 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.18.1512 (2014). Although the “official proceeding” contemplated is a criminal trial, the prosecution has not charged an enhancement under 18 U.S.C. § 1512(j). See 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.18.1512, note 5.

One, between about between September of 2015 and October of 2015, a defendant knowingly attempted to use corrupt persuasion against either or both A.R. and C.M.³²

To prove that a particular defendant “attempted” to use corrupt persuasion, the prosecution must prove

- that he intended to use corrupt persuasion, *and*
- that he voluntarily and intentionally carried out some act that was a substantial step toward corruptly persuading someone

A “substantial step”

- must be something more than mere preparation, but may be less than the last act necessary to corruptly persuade someone
- must be necessary to corruptly persuade someone, and
- must be of such a nature that a reasonable observer, viewing it in context, would conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that it was done to corruptly persuade someone³³

A defendant attempted to use “corrupt persuasion” if he was conscious of wrongdoing when attempting to persuade a person.³⁴

³² The model suggests that the victims be identified by name (or, here, by initials).

³³ The definitions of “attempt” and “substantial step” are drawn from 8th Cir. Criminal Model 8.01 and note 2, respectively.

³⁴ I recognize that 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.18.1512 states, “To corruptly persuade someone means to persuade with consciousness of wrongdoing.” I found this language, admittedly drawn from *Arthur Anderson v. United States*, 544 U.S. 696 (2005),

***Two*, a defendant did so with the intent to achieve one or more of the improper results alleged in this Count of the Indictment.**

The Indictment alleges that each defendant attempted to use corrupt persuasion against either or both A.R. and C.M. with the intent to achieve one or more of the following improper results:³⁵

- to delay or prevent the testimony of A.R. and/or C.M. in this trial
- to cause or induce A.R. and/or C.M. to withhold testimony at this trial

potentially confusing to a jury, because it might be understood as attempting to use *the witness's consciousness that he had done something wrong* to persuade the witness not to testify. It is clear, from the statute and *Arthur Anderson*, that it is *the defendant* who must be conscious of wrongdoing in attempting to persuade the witness. I believe that my paraphrase correctly identifies who must be conscious of wrongdoing.

³⁵ I must assume that the alternatives stated in the statute, and charged in this **Count**, identify distinct results and are not simply surplusage. Nevertheless, the distinction between “causing” and “inducing,” in particular, may be difficult to define (or understand). For example, the online Oxford English Dictionary (OED) defines “cause,” in pertinent part, as “to effect, bring about, produce, *induce*, make.” See <http://www.oed.com/view/Entry/29148?rskey=Mm6cDc&result=2#eid> (emphasis added).

8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.18.1512, note 4, explains that the defendant need not know that the proceeding was a federal proceeding and that it is not necessary that a proceeding actually be pending, but the offense does require proof that the defendant “contemplate[d] some particular official proceeding in which the testimony would be material.” I believe that the concerns expressed in this note are adequately addressed by referring to testimony “in this trial.” See *Superseding Indictment, Count 4* (specifically identifying the “official proceeding” in question as “the trial of the defendants scheduled for October 26, 2015”).

- to cause or induce A.R. and/or C.M. to evade legal process summoning them to appear as witnesses at this trial

“To cause” means to bring about or produce. “To induce” means to lead or move someone to do something.³⁶

The prosecution

- does not have to prove that a defendant attempted to corruptly persuade both A.R. and C.M., but must prove that he attempted to corruptly persuade at least one of them
- does not have to prove that a person’s testimony at trial was actually delayed, prevented, or withheld, or that a person actually evaded legal process summoning them to appear at trial³⁷
- does not have to prove that a defendant acted with intent to achieve all of the results alleged, but must prove that he acted with the intent to achieve one or more of those results

If the prosecution *does not* prove both of these elements beyond a reasonable doubt as to a particular defendant, then you must find that defendant not guilty of

³⁶ These definitions are drawn from the online OED, <http://www.oed.com/view/Entry/29148?rskey=Mm6cDc&result=2#eid> and <http://www.oed.com/view/Entry/94758?redirectedFrom=induce#eid>, respectively.

³⁷ Cf. 8th Cir. Criminal Model 6.18.1512, penultimate bracketed ¶; see also note 2 (advising that, if an “attempt” is submitted, the instruction must be modified appropriately).

personally committing the “attempting to interfere with testimony” offense charged in **Count 4** of the Indictment.

The “Aiding And Abetting” Alternative³⁸

For you to find a particular defendant guilty of aiding and abetting another’s attempt to interfere with testimony, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt all of the following elements against that defendant:

One, between about September of 2015 and October of 2015, some person or persons personally committed the offense of attempting to interfere with testimony.

The prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that some other person or persons personally committed the offense of attempting to interfere with testimony.

The prosecution does not have to

- identify the other person or persons who personally committed the offense
- obtain a conviction of the other person or persons of personally committing the offense

Two, before or at the time that the other person or persons personally committed the offense, a defendant knew that offense was being committed or was going to be committed.

To be an aider and abettor, a defendant

³⁸ This instruction is based on 8th Cir. Criminal Model 5.01, as amended 08/05/2014.

- must have known that another or others were committing or going to commit the offense
- need not have known that the offense was a crime or illegal

A person who had no knowledge that a crime was being committed or about to be committed, but who happened to act in a way that advanced some offense, cannot be found guilty of “aiding and abetting” that offense.

Three, a defendant had enough advance knowledge of the extent and character of the charged offense that he was able to make a choice to walk away from the crime before all of the elements of that crime were completed.

You may find that a defendant had the required advance knowledge of the commission of the charged offense, if you find

- that he failed to object, or
- that he failed to withdraw from actively participating in the commission of the offense

after he observed another participant complete one or more, but less than all, of the elements of the offense.

On the other hand, a defendant made no choice to aid and abet an offense, and this element is not proved,

- if his knowledge of the extent and character of the offense came too late for him to be reasonably able to act upon it, or
- if an attempt to withdraw or object would have been unreasonable, because it would have increased the risk of violence to him or others

Four, a defendant knowingly acted in some way for the purpose of causing, encouraging, or aiding the other person or persons to commit the offense.

There must be knowing participation in an offense to “aid and abet” that offense. However, the prosecution does not have to prove that a defendant participated in each and every element of the offense. Rather, the prosecution must prove that a defendant aided and abetted the offense by knowingly providing assistance

- by words, acts, encouragement, or support of one or more elements of the offense.

The following, alone, are not enough to show that a defendant aided and abetted an offense:

- evidence that he was merely present at the scene of an event
- evidence that he merely acted in the same way as others
- evidence that he merely associated with others

Five, a defendant must have intended that the offense would be committed.

The aider and abettor must have knowingly participated in the offense with the same purpose and the same intent for committing the offense as the person or persons who “personally committed” the offense.

If the prosecution fails to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that a particular defendant “aided and abetted” another’s “attempting to interfere with testimony”

offense, then you cannot find that defendant guilty of “aiding and abetting” that offense.

No. 27 — DEFINITION OF EVIDENCE³⁹

Evidence is the following:

- testimony
- exhibits admitted into evidence, but exhibits are not necessarily more important than any other evidence, just because they are shown to you
- stipulations, which are agreements between the parties that certain facts are true; you must treat stipulated facts as having been proved

The following are not evidence:

- testimony that I tell you to disregard
- exhibits that are not admitted into evidence
- statements, arguments, questions, and comments by the lawyers
- objections and rulings on objections
- anything that you see or hear about this case outside the courtroom

You may have heard of “direct” or “circumstantial” evidence.

- “Direct” evidence is direct proof of a fact
 - An example is testimony by a witness about what that witness personally saw or heard or did

³⁹ My “plain language” jury instructions. *See* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 1.03 (2014).

- “Circumstantial” evidence is proof of one or more facts from which you could find another fact
 - An example is testimony that a witness personally saw a broken window and a brick on the floor, from which you could find that the brick broke the window
- You should consider both kinds of evidence, because the law makes no distinction between their weight
- The weight to be given any evidence, whether it is “direct” or “circumstantial,” is for you to decide.⁴⁰

Some evidence may be admitted only for a limited purpose.

- I will tell you if that happens
- I will instruct you on the purposes for which the evidence can and cannot be used

⁴⁰ See 8th Cir. Civil Model 1.03 (2014) (modified) and 9th Cir. Criminal Model 1.9 (modified); *but see* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 1.04 (suggesting that definitions of direct and circumstantial evidence are ordinarily not required).

No. 28 — TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES⁴¹

You may believe all of what any witness says, only part of it, or none of it. In evaluating a witness's testimony, consider the witness's

- Opportunity to have seen and heard what happened
- Memory. Memory is not an exact recording of past events and witnesses may misremember events and conversations. Scientific research has established
 - that human memory is not at all like video recordings that a witness can simply replay to remember precisely what happened
 - that when a witness has been exposed to statements, conversations, questions, writings, documents, photographs, media reports, and opinions of others, the accuracy of their memory may be affected and distorted
 - that a witness's memory, even if testified to in good faith, and with a high degree of confidence, may be inaccurate, unreliable, and falsely remembered; thus, human memory can be distorted, contaminated, or changed, and events and conversations can even be falsely imagined

⁴¹ My new “stock” jury instruction on “testimony,” which tries to take into account the teachings of social science regarding memory and eyewitness testimony. *See* 8th Cir. Criminal Models 1.05 and 3.04 (2014). I do not give, and for many years have not given, separate “credibility” and “impeachment” instructions.

- that distortion, contamination, and falsely imagined memories may happen at each of the three stages of memory: acquisition (perception of events); storage (period of time between acquisition and retrieval); and retrieval (recalling stored information).
- Demeanor. Scientific research has established
 - that there is not necessarily a relationship between how confident witnesses are about their testimony and the accuracy of their testimony; thus, less confident witnesses may be more accurate than confident witnesses
 - that common cultural cues, like shifty eyes, shifty body language, the failure to look one in the eye, grimaces, stammering speech, and other mannerisms, are not necessarily correlated to witness deception or false or inaccurate testimony
- Motives for testifying
 - Interest in the outcome of the case
 - Drug or alcohol use or addiction, if any
 - The reasonableness of the witness's testimony

In evaluating a witness's testimony, also consider the following:

- Any differences between what the witness says now and said earlier
- Any inconsistencies between the witness's testimony and any other evidence that you believe

- Whether any inconsistencies are the result of seeing or hearing things differently, actually forgetting things, or innocent mistakes or are, instead, the result of lies or phony memory lapses, and
- Any other factors that you find bear on believability or credibility

If a defendant testifies,

- you should judge his testimony in the same way that you judge the testimony of any other witness⁴²

You should not give any more or less weight to a witness's testimony just because the witness is

- a public official or law enforcement officer
- an expert⁴³

You may give any witness's opinion⁴⁴ whatever weight you think it deserves, but you should consider

⁴² Because this language is conditional (“*If* a defendant testifies . . .”), I believe that it is permissible to include it, whether or not either defendant knows at this time whether he will testify.

⁴³ I have included my stock instructions concerning “experts,” even though I do not know if there will be any expert testimony in this case. **The prosecution has indicated that expert witnesses will be called.**

⁴⁴ The factors relevant to determination of the weight to give a witness's opinions are essentially the same, whether the witness is a “lay” witness or an “expert” witness. *See* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 4.10 (2014) (opinions of experts); 8th Cir. Criminal Model 3.04 (credibility of witnesses); FED. R. EVID. 701 (basis for lay opinions); FED. R. EVID.

- the reasons and perceptions on which the opinion is based
- any reason that the witness may be biased, and
- all of the other evidence in the case

You must consider with greater caution and care the testimony, if any, of a witness who is testifying

- that he or she participated in the charged offense, or
- after a promise from the prosecution not to use that witness's testimony, to a grand jury or at this trial, against that witness in a criminal case, or
- pursuant to a plea agreement
 - The plea agreement may be a "cooperation" plea agreement that provides that the prosecution may recommend a less severe sentence if the prosecutor believes that the witness has provided "substantial assistance"
 - A judge cannot reduce a sentence for "substantial assistance" unless the prosecution asks the judge to do so, but if the prosecution does ask, the judge decides if and how much to reduce the witness's sentence

It is for you to decide

- what weight you think the testimony of such a witness deserves, and

702 (bases for expert opinions). I do not give separate "credibility" instructions for expert witnesses.

- whether or not such a witness’s testimony has been influenced by
 - the desire to please the prosecution
 - any promises by the prosecution, or
 - a plea agreement⁴⁵

Remember, it is your exclusive right to give any witness’s testimony whatever weight you think it deserves.

⁴⁵ Compare 8th Cir. Criminal Model 4.04 (2014). I have included this instruction, because I do not know if there will be any “cooperating” witnesses. Because I am giving this instruction *before* any evidence is presented, I do not find it appropriate to identify the witnesses in question by name. *The parties must advise me whether all three kinds of testimony to be treated with greater caution and care are likely to be presented in this case.* The prosecution advised that it does intend to call witnesses in categories 1 and 3, but does not presently intend to call any witnesses in category 2, but will notify the court if that intention changes. I have concluded that, because the instructions are given before any evidence is presented, the instruction is cast in conditional terms, and no prejudice to any party will result from including a reference to witnesses in category 2 if no such witnesses are actually called, I will list all three categories of witnesses in this instruction.

No. 29 — OBJECTIONS⁴⁶

The lawyers may make objections and motions during the trial that I must rule upon.

- If I sustain an objection to a question before it is answered, do not draw any inferences or conclusions from the question itself
- Do not hold it against a lawyer or a party that a lawyer has made an objection, because lawyers have a duty to object to testimony or other evidence that they believe is not properly admissible

⁴⁶ My “stock” jury instructions. *See* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 1.03 (2014) (numbered ¶ 2).

No. 30 — BENCH CONFERENCES⁴⁷

During the trial it may be necessary for me to talk with the lawyers out of your hearing.

- I may hold a bench conference while you are in the courtroom or call a recess
- These conferences are to decide how certain evidence is to be treated, to avoid confusion and error, and to save your valuable time, so please be patient
- We will do our best to keep such conferences short and infrequent

⁴⁷ My “stock” jury instructions. *See* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 1.07 (2014).

No. 31 — NOTE-TAKING⁴⁸

You are allowed to take notes during the trial if you want to.

- Be sure that your note-taking does not interfere with listening to and considering all the evidence
- Your notes are not necessarily more reliable than your memory or another juror's notes or memory
- Do not discuss your notes with anyone before you begin your deliberations
- Leave your notes on your chair during recesses and at the end of the day
- At the end of trial, you may take your notes with you or leave them to be destroyed
- No one else will ever be allowed to read your notes, unless you let them
- If you choose not to take notes, remember that it is your own individual responsibility to listen carefully to the evidence
- An official court reporter is making a record of the trial, but her transcripts will not be available for your use during your deliberations

⁴⁸ My “stock” jury instructions. *See* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 1.06A (2014).

No. 32 — CONDUCT OF JURORS DURING TRIAL⁴⁹

You must decide this case *solely* on the evidence and your own observations, experiences, reason, common sense, and the law in these Instructions. You must also keep to yourself any information that you learn in court until it is time to discuss this case with your fellow jurors during deliberations.

To ensure fairness, you must obey the following rules:

- Do not talk among yourselves about this case, or about anyone involved with it, until you go to the jury room to decide on your verdict.
- Do not talk with anyone else about this case, or about anyone involved with it, until the trial is over.
- When you are outside the courtroom, do not let anyone ask you about or tell you anything about this case, anyone involved with it, any news story, rumor, or gossip about it, until the trial is over. If someone should try to talk to you about this case during the trial, please report it to me.
- During the trial, you should not talk to any of the parties, lawyers, or witnesses—even to pass the time of day—so that there is no reason to be suspicious about your fairness. The lawyers, parties, and witnesses are not supposed to talk to you, either.

⁴⁹ My “stock” jury instructions. See 8th Cir. Criminal Model 1.08 (2014).

- You may need to tell your family, friends, teachers, co-workers, or employer about your participation in this trial, so that you can tell them when you must be in court and warn them not to ask you or talk to you about the case. However, do not provide any information to anyone by any means about this case until after I have accepted your verdict. That means do not talk face-to-face or use any electronic device or media, such as the telephone, a cell or smart phone, a Blackberry, a PDA, a computer, the Internet, any Internet service, any text or instant messaging service, any Internet chat room, any blog, or any website such as Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, or Twitter, to communicate to anyone any information about this case until I accept your verdict.
- Do not do any research—on the Internet, in libraries, in the newspapers, in dictionaries or other reference books, or in any other way—or make any investigation about this case, the law, or the people involved on your own.
- Do not visit or view any place discussed in this case and do not use Internet maps or Google Earth or any other program or device to search for or to view any place discussed in the testimony.
- Do not read any news stories or articles, in print, on the Internet, or in any “blog,” about this case, or about anyone involved with it, or listen to any radio or television reports about it or about anyone involved with it, or let anyone tell you anything about any such news reports. I assure you that when you have heard all the evidence, you

will know more about this case than anyone will learn through the news media—and it will be more accurate.

- Do not make up your mind during the trial about what the verdict should be. Keep an open mind until you have had a chance to discuss the evidence with other jurors during deliberations.
- Do not decide the case based on “implicit biases.” As we discussed during jury selection, everyone, including me, has feelings, assumptions, perceptions, fears, and stereotypes—that is, “implicit biases”—that we may not be aware of. These hidden thoughts can impact what we see and hear, how we remember what we see and hear, and how we make important decisions. Because you are making very important decisions in this case, I strongly encourage you to evaluate the evidence carefully and to resist jumping to conclusions based on personal likes or dislikes, generalizations, gut feelings, prejudices, sympathies, stereotypes, or biases. The law demands that you return a just verdict, based solely on the evidence, your individual evaluation of that evidence, your reason and common sense, and these instructions. Our system of justice is counting on you to render a fair decision based on the evidence, not on biases.⁵⁰
- A Verdict Form is attached to these Instructions. A Verdict Form is simply a written notice of your decision. After your deliberations, if you have reached a unanimous verdict, your foreperson will complete

⁵⁰ My “stock” instruction on “implicit bias.”

one copy of the Verdict Form by marking the appropriate blank or blanks for each question. You will all sign that copy to indicate that you agree with the verdict and that it is unanimous. Your foreperson will then bring the signed Verdict Form to the courtroom when it is time to announce your verdict.

- If, at any time during the trial, you have a problem that you would like to bring to my attention, or if you feel ill or need to go to the restroom, please send a note to the Court Security Officer (CSO), who will give it to me. I want you to be comfortable, so please do not hesitate to tell us about any problem.

I will read the remaining two Instructions at the end of the evidence.

No. 33 — DUTY TO DELIBERATE⁵¹

A verdict must represent the careful and impartial judgment of each of you. However, before you make that judgment, you must consult with one another and try to reach agreement, if you can do so consistent with your individual judgment.

- If you are convinced that the prosecution has *not* proved beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant is guilty of a charged offense, say so
- If you are convinced that the prosecution *has* proved beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant is guilty of a charged offense, say so
- Don't give up your honest beliefs just because others think differently or because you simply want to be finished with the case
- On the other hand, do not hesitate to re-examine your own views and to change your opinions, if you are convinced that they are wrong
- You can only reach a unanimous verdict if you discuss your views openly and frankly, with proper regard for the opinions of others, and with a willingness to re-examine your own views
- Remember that you are not advocates, but judges of the facts, so your sole interest is to seek the truth from the evidence
- The question is never who wins or loses the case, because society always wins, whatever your verdict, when you return a just verdict

⁵¹ My “stock” jury instructions. See 8th Cir. Criminal Model 3.12 (2014).

based solely on the evidence, reason, your common sense, and these instructions

- You must consider all of the evidence bearing on each question before you
- Take all the time that you feel is necessary
- Remember that this case is important to the parties and to the fair administration of justice, so do not be in a hurry to reach a verdict just to be finished with the case

No. 34 — DUTY DURING DELIBERATIONS⁵²

You must follow certain rules while conducting your deliberations and returning your verdict:

- Select a foreperson to preside over your discussions and to speak for you here in court.
- Do not consider punishment in any way in deciding whether a defendant is not guilty or guilty. If a defendant is guilty of a charged offense, I will decide what his sentence should be.
- Communicate with me by sending me a note through a CSO. The note must be signed by one or more of you. Remember that you should not tell anyone, including me, how your votes stand. I will respond as soon as possible, either in writing or orally in open court.
- Base your verdict solely on the evidence, reason, your common sense, and these instructions. Again, nothing I have said or done was intended to suggest what your verdict should be—that is entirely for you to decide.
- Reach your verdict without discrimination. In reaching your verdict, you must not consider a defendant’s race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex. You are not to return a verdict for or against a defendant unless you would return the same verdict without regard to his race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex. To

⁵² My “stock” jury instructions. *See* 8th Cir. Criminal Model 3.12 (2014).

emphasize the importance of this requirement, the verdict form contains a certification statement. Each of you should carefully read that statement, then sign your name in the appropriate place in the signature block, if the statement accurately reflects how you reached your verdict.

- Complete the Verdict Form. The foreperson must bring the signed Verdict Form to the courtroom when it is time to announce your verdict.
- When you have reached a verdict, the foreperson will advise the CSO that you are ready to return to the courtroom.

Good luck with your deliberations.

DATED this 26th day of October, 2015.



MARK W. BENNETT
U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARTIN THOMAS LAWRENCE
and TROY ALAN LAWRENCE,

Defendants.

No. CR 15-69-MWB

**COURT’S PROPOSED
VERDICT FORM**
(10/20/15 SECOND REVISED
VERSION)

I. DEFENDANT MARTIN THOMAS LAWRENCE

As to defendant Martin Thomas Lawrence, we, the Jury, find as follows:

COUNT 1: THE ALLEGED “METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense, charged in Count 1 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 5 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the questions in Step 2. Instead, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 2 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Guilty <input type="checkbox"/> Guilty

Step 2: Form and Quantity of Methamphetamine	<i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate (a) which one or more forms of methamphetamine were involved in the conspiracy, and (b) the quantity of any form of methamphetamine involved in the conspiracy for which he is responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8. (When you have answered the questions in this step, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 2 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	
(a)	___ methamphetamine mixture	___ actual (pure) methamphetamine
(b)	___ 500 grams or more	___ 50 grams or more
	___ 50 grams or more, but less than 500 grams	___ 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams
	___ less than 50 grams	___ less than 5 grams
COUNT 2: THE ALLEGED “DISTRIBUTING ACTUAL (PURE) METHAMPHETAMINE” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the charge of “distributing actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as charged in Count 2 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 6 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the question in Step 2. Instead, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 4 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	___ Not Guilty ___ Guilty
Step 2: Quantity of Actual (Pure) Methamphetamine	<i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the offense charged in Count 2 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate the quantity of actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense for which he is responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8. (When you have answered the question in this step, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 4 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	
	___ 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, of actual (pure) methamphetamine	
	___ less than 5 grams of actual (pure) methamphetamine	

COUNT 4: THE ALLEGED “ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH TESTIMONY” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the charge of “attempting to interfere with testimony,” as charged in Count 4 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 9 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the question in Step 2. Instead, please read the Certification, below, sign this Verdict Form, then go on to consider your verdict on the charges against defendant Troy Alan Lawrence.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Guilty <input type="checkbox"/> Guilty
Step 2: Alternative(s)	<i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the offense charged in Count 4 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate whether you find him guilty of “personally committing” and/or “aiding and abetting” each of the following results. (When you have answered the question in this step, please read the Certification, below, sign this Verdict Form, then go on to consider your verdict on the charges against defendant Troy Alan Lawrence.)</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to delay the testimony of A.R. in this trial
	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to delay the testimony of C.M. in this trial
	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to prevent the testimony of A.R. in this trial
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	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to cause A.R. to withhold testimony at this trial
	<input type="checkbox"/> personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion <input type="checkbox"/> aiding and abetting another’s attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to cause C.M. to withhold testimony at this trial

	___ personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion ___ aiding and abetting another's attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to induce A.R. to withhold testimony at this trial
	___ personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion ___ aiding and abetting another's attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to induce C.M. to withhold testimony at this trial
	___ personally attempting to use corrupt persuasion ___ aiding and abetting another's attempt to use corrupt persuasion	to cause A.R. to evade legal process summoning them to appear as witnesses at this trial
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CERTIFICATION

By signing below, each juror certifies the following:
 (1) that consideration of this defendant's race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex was not involved in reaching the juror's individual decision, *and*
 (2) that the individual juror would have returned the same verdict for or against this defendant on the charged offense regardless of this defendant's race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex.

_____ Date

_____ Foreperson

_____ Juror

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I. DEFENDANT TROY ALAN LAWRENCE

As to defendant Troy Alan Lawrence, we, the Jury, find as follows:

COUNT 1: THE ALLEGED “METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense, charged in Count 1 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 5 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the questions in Step 2. Instead, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 3 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	___ Not Guilty ___ Guilty
Step 2: Form and Quantity of Methamphetamine	<i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the “methamphetamine conspiracy” offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate (a) which one or more forms of methamphetamine were involved in the conspiracy, and (b) the quantity of any form of methamphetamine involved in the conspiracy for which he is responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8. (When you have answered the questions in this step, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 3 against this defendant in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	
(a)	___ methamphetamine mixture	___ actual (pure) methamphetamine
(b)	___ 500 grams or more	___ 50 grams or more
	___ 50 grams or more, but less than 500 grams	___ 5 grams or more, but less than 50 grams
	___ less than 50 grams	___ less than 5 grams
COUNT 3: THE ALLEGED “POSSESSING WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE ACTUAL (PURE) METHAMPHETAMINE” OFFENSE		VERDICT
Step 1: Verdict	On the charge of “possessing with intent to distribute actual (pure) methamphetamine,” as charged in Count 3 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 7 , please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the question in Step 2. Instead, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 4 in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i>	___ Not Guilty ___ Guilty

<p>Step 2: Quantity of Actual (Pure) Methamphetamine</p>	<p><i>If you found this defendant “guilty” of the offense charged in Count 3 of the Indictment in Step 1, please indicate the quantity of actual (pure) methamphetamine involved in the offense for which he is responsible, as explained in Instruction No. 8. (When you have answered the question in this step, please go on to consider your verdict on Count 4 in the next section of this Verdict Form.)</i></p>	
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<p>Step 1: Verdict</p>	<p>On the charge of “attempting to interfere with testimony,” as charged in Count 4 of the Indictment and explained in Instruction No. 9, please mark your verdict. <i>(If you find this defendant “not guilty” of this offense, do not answer the question in Step 2. Instead, please read the Certification, below, sign this Verdict Form, and notify the CSO that you have reached a verdict.)</i></p>	<p>___ Not Guilty ___ Guilty</p>
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Date

_____ Foreperson	_____ Juror
_____ Juror	_____ Juror