IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

FELIX VERDEJO-SÁNCHEZ, et al.,

Defendants.

CRIMINAL NO. 21-161 (PAD)

ORDER

As a cautionary measure to protect the defendants' Sixth Amendment right to a trial before a fair and impartial jury of their peers, the following individuals are hereby enjoined from divulging, talking to, or discussing with, the press, media and public, including without limitation, through social networks, any information other than that entered without restriction on the Docket or disclosed in open court, relating to the captioned case:

- 1. The defendants and agents of any or both of them with access to case-related information.
- 2. Defense attorneys, and their staff, employees, agents, any other person in their offices with access to case-related information.¹
- Prosecutors and their staff, employees, agents, and any other person in their office with access to case-related information.
- U.S. District Court personnel, and/or agents of the Court, having access to the Case Management Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system, or sealed information.

The parties may seek relief under seal for good cause shown. The Order should not be interpreted to preclude government or defense investigative efforts, and is not intended to prevent

¹ The term "defense attorney" includes record attorneys and former record counsel in this or a miscellaneous case involving either or both defendants.

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the press and media to report, opine, and inform about the case. Nor will it operate to automatically close proceedings or block access to public portions of the record.

This Order will be in full force from the point in time it is entered on the Docket until the

conclusion of trial. Violations of the Order will be met with sanctions, including but not limited

to contempt of a clear Court Order.

The Clerk of the Court shall notify this Order to the U.S. Attorney's Office and defense attorneys, and instruct its own personnel and agents accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 7th day of May, 2021.

<u>s/Pedro A. Delgado-Hernández</u> PEDRO A. DELGADO-HERNÁNDEZ United States District Judge