

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	CR No. 12-184
	)	
vs.	)	Washington, D.C.
	)	February 8, 2016
ALFREDO BELTRAN LEYVA,	)	3:30 p.m.
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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TRANSCRIPT OF PRETRIAL CONFERENCE  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. LEON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 MR. BALAREZO: All right. The Court -- then  
2 maybe -- then I ask for a clarification, Your Honor, because  
3 I think we're all confused as to what the Court's ruling  
4 was.

5 THE COURT: There's no confusion at all as to the  
6 first ledger whatsoever.

7 I said that once he left and fled the country --

8 MR. BALAREZO: Right.

9 THE COURT: -- entries made thereafter would not  
10 be useable by the government.

11 MR. BALAREZO: Right. But the --

12 THE COURT: While he was in the country of  
13 Colombia and was interacting with the people who were making  
14 the notations in the ledger and checking them as to their  
15 accuracy and verification, I said those would be useable to  
16 explain what the ledger entries are.

17 We have a witness who was involved in the  
18 inputting of those items in the ledger and was knowledgeable  
19 of what the particular symbols and names meant, what the  
20 significance of them were, and, of course, he'd be subject  
21 to cross-examination.

22 MR. BALAREZO: Right.

23 THE COURT: But once the person left the country,  
24 any entries made thereafter where there wasn't that kind of  
25 interaction to verify the accuracy of what was being

1 inputted and what the meaning of it was, that, to me, struck  
2 me as way too risky. And I was not going to permit the  
3 government to use those entries in the ledger after he fled  
4 from Colombia to Panama.

5 MR. BALAREZO: Well, Your Honor, the thing is, he  
6 left --

7 THE COURT: What part of that is confusing to you?

8 MR. BALAREZO: It's not, Your Honor. But this is  
9 what I meant.

10 Ramirez left Colombia in June of 2004.  
11 The transactions that the government alleges are in those  
12 ledgers that pertain to my client took place in, I believe,  
13 November of 2004 after he left.

14 So to the extent that the Court is ruling that the  
15 ledgers, ledger entries that were made after Chupeta left  
16 Colombia in June of 2004 are not coming in. That's -- then  
17 I don't understand what the remaining pre-June 2004 ledgers,  
18 what the relevance is to this particular case.

19 THE COURT: Well, we'll give the government a  
20 chance to explain what they want to use those ledgers for,  
21 but that is not consistent with my recollection. And if we  
22 need to, we can get the transcripts and go and check.

23 MR. BALAREZO: Well, we have the ledgers,  
24 Your Honor, they're from November of 2004, after Chupeta  
25 left Colombia. I don't think there's any doubt about that