

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

CASE NO. 3:16-cr-93-J-32JRK

CORRINE BROWN

ORDER ADDRESSING POST-VERDICT ISSUES

As announced from the bench during the May 15, 2017 hearing in this case, the record of which is incorporated by reference, it is hereby

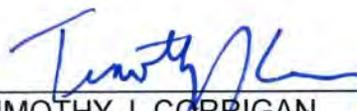
ORDERED:

1. Defendant's ore tenus motion to communicate with jurors is denied without prejudice to renewal by written motion.

2. The motions filed by First Coast News (Doc. 134), Graham Media Group, Florida, Inc. (Doc. 135), and Cox Media Group Jacksonville (Doc. 136) are resolved as follows: the requests to intervene are granted; the requests to unseal the transcript of the May 10, 2017 sealed proceeding are moot as the Court had previously determined to unseal and docket the transcript (and now has done so (see Doc. 139)); the request for an audio recording of that proceeding is moot as the only official record is the transcript; the request for clarification regarding the media's ability to contact jurors is granted to the extent that **the Court's previous prohibition against contacting jurors is lifted, subject to revisiting if any juror reports being harassed, badgered or pressured by the media;** and the request for the names and addresses of jurors remains under advisement.

3. At the hearing, the Court provided counsel with copies of a text sent by a juror to the undersigned's courtroom deputy¹ which reads, in substance, as follows: "I just heard on news about juror voting not guilty on all charges because of holy Spirit telling him so. I don't know if it matters, but that is not true in the partial vote we had taken prior to the removal."² The Court assumed that the juror would not communicate further but in fact, the juror sent a follow-up text a few hours after the hearing which reads as follows: "Meaning he stated that before any evidence was brought into the room." The Court reported the communication to counsel for the government and defendant and, without objection, the courtroom deputy has sent a reply to the juror explaining that Court rules prohibit communication with the Court regarding the jury's deliberations following return of the verdict (but reminding the juror that if anyone pressures a juror to speak about jury service, the juror should report it to the Court).

DONE AND ORDERED in Jacksonville, Florida, this 16th day of May, 2017.


TIMOTHY J. CORRIGAN
United States District Judge

s.
Copies to:
Counsel of Record

¹The courtroom deputy provides jurors with her cell phone number so they can communicate with her during their jury service about issues such as traffic or illness that might affect their ability to report to Court as directed.

²The Court provided a copy of the text to counsel and it will be an exhibit to the minutes of the hearing.