

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CRIMINAL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. CR 08-00494 SJO Date December 11, 2008

Present: The Honorable S. James Otero

Interpreter not present

Victor Paul Cruz	Margarita Lopez	John P. Scully
<i>Deputy Clerk</i>	<i>Court Reporter/Recorder, Tape No.</i>	<i>Assistant U.S. Attorney</i>

<u>U.S.A. v. Defendant(s):</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Cust.</u>	<u>Bond</u>	<u>Attorneys for Defendants:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>App.</u>	<u>Ret.</u>
Joseph R. Francis	xx		xx	Robert E. Barnes and Robert G. Bernhoft	xx		x

**Proceedings:** MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Robert E. Barnes and Robert G. Bernhoft Filed by Defendant Joseph R Francis [61]

**Hearing held. The Court denies attorney Mark J. Werksman’s request to specially appear for defendant.**

**The Court indicates that he has reviewed defendant’s counsel’s motion to withdraw. The Court reviews the case procedural history. The Court instructs defendant and his counsel to meet and confer regarding defendant’s right to self-representation. The Court continues this matter to the 1:30 p.m. calendar. The Court advises the parties that it intends to keep the March 31, 2009 trial date.**

**Second Call:**

**The Court allows attorney Mark J. Werksman to address the Court. The Court grants a continuance of this proceeding to Thursday, January 8, 2009 @ 8:30 a.m. The trial dates remains set as scheduled.**

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cc: Pretrial Service