

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
No. 08-CR-364 (RHK/AJB)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS JOSEPH PETTERS,

Defendant.

**DEFENDANT’S MOTION
FOR ADDITIONAL
PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES**

Defendant Thomas Joseph Petters, by and through his undersigned attorneys, hereby moves the Court for an order allowing him additional peremptory challenges. Fed. R. Crim. P. 24(b). This motion is based in part upon the overwhelming and prejudicial pretrial publicity in the case, detailed in Defendant’s Motion for Transfer of Venue. Additional peremptory challenges are appropriate in the face of such prejudicial pretrial publicity. E.g., United States v. Blom, 242 F.3d 799, 804 (8th Cir. 2001).

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