

**U.S. District Court
Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cr-00328-DG-1**

Case title: USA v. Berko

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08/06/2026	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Diane Gujarati: Jury Trial as to Asante Kwaku Berko held on August 6, 2026 before Judge Diane Gujarati. Jessica Weigel, Nicholas Michael Axelrod, Katherine Nielsen, and Katherine Raut appeared on behalf of the Government. Paralegals Melina Piatti-Chayan, Teresa Dolan, and Isha Jayadev and FBI Special Agent Fatima Haque also present. Robert Boone, Amanda Page Masselam Strachan, Eliot Kim, Emily Gruener, and Walker Schneider appeared on behalf of Asante Kwaku Berko. Paralegal Hilary Greene also present. Defendant present and on bond. Case called. Jury charged. U.S. Deputy Marshal sworn. Deliberations began and concluded. The Jury returned a verdict of guilty on Counts One, Two, and Three of the Indictment. Jurors polled and dismissed. Alternate jurors also dismissed. Recess then taken. Following recess, Defendant moved pursuant to Rule 29(c) for a judgment of acquittal and requested that the Court set a briefing schedule. As set forth on the record, the Court set a deadline of August 27, 2026 for the filing of any post-trial motion and a deadline of September 10, 2026 for the filing of any opposition. Issue of forfeiture then addressed. As set forth on the record, the Court set a deadline of August 27, 2026 for the filing of any forfeiture submission by the Government and a deadline of September 10, 2026 for the filing of any forfeiture submission by Defendant. Parties then heard on Defendant's request that he be permitted to remain on bail pending sentencing. As set forth on the record, the Court found that Defendant had not met his burden of demonstrating that he should be released pending sentencing. Defendant was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending sentencing. Sentencing scheduled for November 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. before Judge Diane Gujarati in Courtroom 4B South. (Court Reporter Sophie Nolan.) (AD) (Entered: 08/07/2026)
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