



CASE INFORMATION SHEET (CONTEMPT OF COURT)

(IT-03-67-R77.5)

# JOJIĆ & OSTOJIĆ & RADETA

*The Prosecutor v. Petar Jojić & Jovo Ostojić & Vjerica Radeta*

PETAR JOJIĆ	
	Lawyer serving on the defence team of Vojislav Šešelj
Order in lieu of indictment	5 December 2014 (made public on 1 December 2015)
JOVO OSTOJIĆ	
	Former war companion of Witness 2
Order in lieu of indictment	5 December 2014 (made public on 1 December 2015)
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	Lawyer serving on the defence team of Vojislav Šešelj
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## INDICTMENT

In accordance with Rule 77 of its Rules of Procedure and Evidence, the Tribunal can conduct proceedings for contempt of court. The ICTY's jurisdiction in respect of contempt is not expressly outlined in the Statute. However, it is firmly established that the Tribunal possesses an inherent jurisdiction, deriving from its judicial function, to ensure that its exercise of the jurisdiction expressly given to it by the Statute is not frustrated and that its basic judicial functions are safeguarded. As an international criminal court, the Tribunal possesses this inherent power to deal with conduct interfering with its administration of justice. Such interference may be by way of conduct which obstructs, prejudices or abuses the Tribunal's administration of justice. Those who knowingly and wilfully interfere with the Tribunal's administration of justice in such a way may, therefore, be held in contempt of the Tribunal.

The accused are charged with:

### Four counts of contempt of the Tribunal

- Contempt of the Tribunal with respect of Witness 2 against Petar Jojić (Count 2)
- Contempt of the Tribunal with respect of Witness 2 against Jovo Ostojić (Count 3)
- Contempt of the Tribunal with respect of Witness 1 against Vjerica Radeta (Count 8)
- Contempt of the Tribunal with respect of Witness 2 against Vjerica Radeta (Count 9)

*Alleged responsibility of the accused*

According to the Order in lieu of indictment, the three Accused have been charged with contempt of the Tribunal for allegedly having threatened, intimidated, offered bribes to, or otherwise interfered with two witnesses (“Witness 1” and “Witness 2”) in the trial against Vojislav Šešelj and a related contempt case against him.