UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Criminal No. 24-267 (KMW)
v.	Hon. Karen M. Williams
ERIC RIVERA and JAMES WESSELS	ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of the United States (Daniel A. Friedman and Jason M. Richardson, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, appearing), and defendants Eric Rivera (Jay Stronwater, Esq., appearing), and James Wessels (Mark Catanzaro, Esq., appearing) for an order granting a continuance of proceedings in the above-captioned matter; and the defendants being aware that they have the right to have this matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(c)(1); and three prior post-indictment continuances having been granted; and each defendant having consented to such continuance and having waived such right; and for good cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

1. This case is an unusual or complex case within the meaning of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii), in light of the number of defendants, the number of charges, and the nature of the prosecution, such that it is unreasonable to expect adequate preparation for pretrial proceedings

or for the trial itself within 70 days.

2. Additional time is necessary to ensure that, taking into account the exercise of diligence, defense counsel have sufficient time to review and inspect discovery and further investigate the charges in this matter.

3. As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(ii) and (iv), the ends of justice are served by the granting of this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this 25th day of September, 2025,

(1) ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued until December 31, 2025; and it is further

(2) ORDERED that the period from the date of this order through

December 31, 2025 be and it hereby is excluded in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974, 18 U.S.C. § 3161 *et seq.*

Honorable Karen M. Williams
United States District Judge

Consented to as to form and entry:

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