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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

**1:20-cr-00296-JPB-AJB  
USA v. Thomas et al  
Honorable Alan J. Baverman**

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Minute Sheet for proceedings held In Open Court on 02/24/2021.

TIME COURT COMMENCED: 10:28 A.M.

TIME COURT CONCLUDED: 10:36 A.M.

TIME IN COURT: 00:08

OFFICE LOCATION: Atlanta

TAPE NUMBER: FTR Gold

DEPUTY CLERK: Lisa Enix

DEFENDANT(S): [1]Darrell Thomas NOT Present at proceedings  
[2]Andre Lee Gaines NOT Present at proceedings  
[4]Bern Benoit Present at proceedings  
[5]Carla Jackson NOT Present at proceedings

ATTORNEY(S) PRESENT: Benjamin Alper representing Darrell Thomas  
Tal Chaiken representing USA  
Anthony Egbase representing Bern Benoit  
Nathan Kitchens representing USA  
David Marshall representing Carla Jackson  
Brian Mendelsohn representing Andre Lee Gaines

PROCEEDING CATEGORY: Status Conference;

MOTIONS RULED ON: DFT#1-[91]Motion for Extension of Time GRANTED  
DFT#4-[90]Motion for Extension of Time GRANTED  
DFT#5-[88]Motion for Extension of Time GRANTED  
DFT#5-[89]Motion to Continue GRANTED

MINUTE TEXT: Oral Due Process Protection Act Given. The government has provided discovery. The only outstanding discovery are several devices retrieved from the search of Darrell Thomas' home. The FBI is processing these devices and the government shall file a status report within 14 days on when this discovery will be produced. The Court grants Defendants' motions for extension of time to file pretrial motions and to reschedule the pretrial conference. Pretrial motions are due on 3/29/2021 and the pretrial conference is scheduled on April 1, 2021 at 10:00 am. Defendant Gaines' oral motion for an extension of time to file motions and to reschedule the

pretrial conference is GRANTED and the same dates of the co-defendants' deadlines apply to Defendant Gaines.

EXCLUDABLE  
DELAY:

The parties shall have until 03/29/2021 to file any additional motions. This extension is necessary for effective preparation despite diligence. The delay occasioned by this extension shall be considered a period of excludable delay pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) because the court found it needed to allow reasonable time for preparation and also found that the ends of justice served thereby outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

ADDL HEARING(S)  
SCHEDULED:

Pretrial Conference set for 4/1/2021 at 10:00 am in Courtroom No courtroom; call-in instructions to be provided.