

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Fort Myers, Florida
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	)	Case 2:21-CR-74-JLB-MRM
Plaintiff	)	
	)	Thursday, December 16, 2021
vs.	)	
	)	10:58 a.m. to 10:58 a.m.
ANTHONY JAMES BRUEY, and	)	
AMBER REWIS BRUEY,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE THOMAS P. BARBER,

United States District Court Judge

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THE COURT: Next, United States versus Amber Bruey and Anthony Bruey, Case Number 21-CR-74; conspiracy, wire fraud, money laundering. Who is doing this one?

MR. REICHLING: Trent Reichling on behalf of the United States.

MR. LAPPAN: Jim Lappan for Amber Bruey.

THE COURT: I may have already asked this. What's the relationship between these two? Husband and wife, father, son --

MR. LAPPAN: Yes, sir.

MR. MILLER: And Landon Miller on behalf of Anthony Bruey, Judge. Also known as the cookie monster.

THE COURT: Really.

MR. MILLER: Maybe I should come up to your chambers.

THE COURT: You know what, you'd be doing me a favor, because every time I walk from my courtroom to my office, I eat one or two, and it's like -- I actually told somebody today you need to see these pictures in the drug cases with all the dope piled up and the marijuana, and all this stuff? That's what it is in my office right now, but it's brownies and cookies.

MR. MILLER: That is a dangerous proposition over there.

THE COURT: Yeah. Well, I empathize with the drug

1 addicts, because it's like I get it. Because I can't walk
2 through there without partaking.

3 In any event, what do you want to do in this case?

4 MR. LAPPAN: Judge, both defendants reside in North
5 Carolina. Discovery is voluminous. I am going through it with
6 my client. I have spoken with Mr. Reichling and Mr. Miller
7 before court. Mr. Miller and I would ask the Court to consider
8 a two- month continuance to allow us to continue to go through
9 discovery with our clients.

10 THE COURT: Sounds reasonable to me.

11 Any reason not to do that, Trent?

12 MR. REICHLING: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Valentine's Day, February 14th
14 at 9:00 o'clock.

15 Pursuant to 18 USC Section 3161(h(7), I find that
16 the ends of justice are served by the continuance and outweighs
17 the best interests of the defendant and the public in a speedy
18 trial. Therefore, that time is excludable.

19 And see where we are on that then. All right? Thank
20 you.

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22 (Thereupon, at 10:58 a.m., the above-entitled matter
23 was concluded.)

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Dated this 17th day of August, 2022.


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