

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

BERNARD OKOJIE,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: 4:22-cr-84

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Joint Motion to Continue the Motions Hearing set for October 24, 2022. Doc. 40. After careful consideration and for good cause shown, the Court **GRANTS** the parties' Motion.

The Court finds, as a matter of fact and law, the continuance is not for the purpose of delay, but in the furtherance of justice, and to protect Defendant's right to a fair trial. The Court also finds the continuance for the purpose of allowing reasonable time necessary, assuming the exercise of due diligence, for the effective preparation of defense counsel. Therefore, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7), and on the basis of the Court's finding that the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial, the Court continues the Motions Hearing currently set for October 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to November 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., Courtroom 2, Brunswick Federal Courthouse. The parties shall file their Joint Status Report on or before October 26, 2022. The period of delay from September 28, 2022 through and including November 2, 2022 is excluded in computing the time within which the trial of this matter may commence.

SO ORDERED, this 28th day of September, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Cheesbro', written over a horizontal line.

BENJAMIN W. CHEESBRO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA