

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Case No. 22-20290-CR-BLOOM(s)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

ERIC DEAN SHEPPARD

Defendant.

UNITED STATES' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING DATE

The United States of America, through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, respectfully moves this Court, for a continuance of the sentencing date currently scheduled for April 5, 2024. In support thereof, the government states as follows:

1. Following a jury trial in this case, on January 12, 2024, the jury returned guilty verdicts as to six counts of the Superseding Indictment. After the jury was discharged, the Court set a sentencing date of April 5, 2024.

2. At that time, the undersigned AUSA did not realize that April 5th was part of the spring break recess of the undersigned's school-age children. The undersigned AUSA is taking an out-of-town family vacation the week of April 5, 2024 and will not be available.

3. The undersigned AUSA has conferred with counsel for the defendant, who indicated they do not object to the government's request for a continuance. Due to the scheduling of other matters, counsel for the defendant will not be available for the sentencing until the week of May 6, 2024, or later. The government is also available the week of May 6th or thereafter.

4. Counsel for the defendant also indicated they will need two hours for the sentencing hearing. The government is unable to estimate how much time it will need at sentencing,

however, because this will depend on the objections asserted by the defendant and whether the government will need to present live testimony. In an abundance of caution, for scheduling purposes, the government is also requesting two hours for the sentencing hearing. Once the defendant submits his objections to the Presentence Investigation Report, the government can advise the Court whether it needs to change its current estimate regarding time.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court issue an order rescheduling the sentencing date currently scheduled for April 5, 2024, to a date on or after May 6, 2024 that is convenient for the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on February 21, 2024, I filed this motion and proposed order with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF.

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