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VIA PACER

Honorable Karen M. Williams, U.S.D.J.
United States District Court
Mitchell H. Cohen Courthouse
One John F. Gerry Plaza
4th & Cooper Streets
Camden, New Jersey 08101

Re: USA v. Adrienne Ponzo
Case No.: 23-mj-2053 (AMD)

Dear Judge Williams,

Please accept this correspondence as an application on behalf of Defendant Adrienne Ponzo respectfully requesting a brief extension of her voluntary self-surrender date, together with permission to travel out of state for a limited and specific family purpose prior to surrender.

As the Court is aware, Ms. Ponzo has now been designated by the Bureau of Prisons to Greenville SCP in Greenville, Illinois, with a presently scheduled self-surrender date of April 16, 2026. According to the United States Probation Office's March 25, 2026 designation notice, Ms. Ponzo has been directed to report to that facility by noon on that date. Ms. Ponzo respectfully seeks a short extension of that surrender date to June 1, 2026, together with permission to travel briefly to League City, Texas so that she may attend her daughter's graduation before reporting to the designated institution.

First, Ms. Ponzo remains under active medical care. She is presently scheduled to undergo a spine procedure with sedation on April 20, 2026, with a follow-up appointment already scheduled for May 14, 2026. The attached clinical office note from First State Orthopaedics, dated April 2, 2026, confirms that she remains under treatment and that both the procedure and follow-up have already been scheduled. In addition, the attached Delaware workers' compensation provider form dated March 26, 2026 reflects that Ms. Ponzo has been placed on no work status from March 26, 2026 through May 14, 2026 pending her next office visit. These records establish that this is not a routine or elective matter, but an ongoing medical issue requiring treatment and immediate follow-up before she is required to surrender to a distant federal institution.

Second, Ms. Ponzo respectfully requests permission to travel for the limited purpose of attending her daughter's graduation, which is scheduled for May 20, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. at CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium in League City, Texas. This is a singular and meaningful family milestone. Ms. Ponzo seeks only a brief travel authorization, subject to any conditions the Court or Probation deem appropriate, so that she may travel to Texas, attend the graduation, and return promptly before her revised self-surrender date.

The need for this brief extension and limited travel is especially compelling because the Bureau of Prisons has designated Ms. Ponzo to a facility in Illinois, far from her family and support network. Once she reports, family visitation will be extraordinarily difficult, if not practically impossible, particularly because several of her children suffer from severe disabilities that make long-distance travel exceptionally burdensome. In practical terms, absent this short extension and limited travel permission, Ms. Ponzo may lose the opportunity to complete necessary medical care and to be present for one of the last major family milestones before entering custody at a facility so far removed from home that regular in-person family contact will be severely restricted.

Ms. Ponzo has been fully compliant throughout these proceedings. She has appeared as required, has respected all conditions imposed by the Court, and is not seeking delay for delay's sake. This is a narrowly tailored request based upon legitimate medical necessity, a brief and discrete family event, and the substantial hardship created by the distance of her BOP designation. Under these circumstances, the defense respectfully submits that an extension of the self-surrender date to June 1, 2026, together with permission for Ms. Ponzo to travel to League City, Texas from May 19, 2026 through May 21, 2026, or for such other limited dates as the Court and Probation deem appropriate, for the sole purpose of attending her daughter's graduation, would be fair, reasonable, and consistent with the interests of justice.

I have corresponded with AUSA Richardson and the United States Probation Office on this submission. AUSA Richardson has no objection to this request. Should the Court require any additional documentation or clarification, I will provide it immediately.

Thank you for Your Honor's time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Troy A. Archie, Esq.

cc: AUSA Richardson

United States Probation Office

Exhibit A – U.S. Probation designation letter dated March 25, 2026

Exhibit B – First State Orthopaedics clinical office note dated April 2, 2026

Exhibit C – Delaware workers' compensation provider form dated March 26, 2026

Exhibit D – Email confirming graduation date, time, and location (CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium, League City, Texas)