

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 6:22-cr-00201-AGM-LHP

JOSHUA EDWARDS,

Defendant,

ORDER

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court on the parties' Third Joint Motion to Continue Trial. (Doc. # 322; the "Motion"). Defendant Joshua Edwards was indicted on December 14, 2022, and, at the parties' request, his trial has been continued on more than one occasion. Most recently, a predecessor judge granted the parties' October 17, 2025, Joint Motion to Continue Trial (doc. # 307). By entry of an Order dated October 20, 2025 (doc. # 308), the trial was re-set for the January 2026 trial term.

Since that time, the case was reassigned to the undersigned. At the parties' request, the trial was set for a date certain beginning on January 26, 2026. After the parties' request for a date certain was granted, on January 13, 2026, the parties filed this Motion seeking to continue the trial to a date certain in February 2026, but no earlier than February 16, 2026. The reasons given in the Motion include that the lead AUSA assigned to the case must have surgery; another AUSA subsequently assigned to the case experienced a death in the family; a number of witnesses have expressed difficulty attending the trial on the week the parties requested;

and the parties have recently discussed continued efforts to resolve the case without the need for trial.

The Court is ready and available to try this case the week of January 26, 2026, as the parties previously requested. If the Motion were to be granted, at present the Court anticipates its next availability to try this case would not be until April 2026. Without a waiver of speedy trial through the end of April 2026, the Motion must be denied and the trial must remain as set.

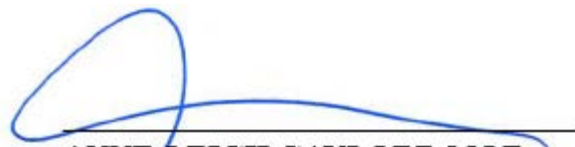
The Court would entertain a re-filed motion to continue, if (1) it is filed on or before close of business on January 16, 2026, and (2) it is accompanied by a waiver of speedy trial through the end of April 2026. If the motion to continue is timely re-filed with the necessary waiver, it should be immediately brought to the Court's attention by contacting the courtroom deputy.

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. The Third Joint Motion to Continue Trial (doc. # 322) is denied without prejudice.
2. The previous Joint Motion to Continue Trial (doc. # 319) is denied as moot.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Chambers this January 14, 2026



ANNE LEIGH GAYLORD MOE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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