UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL
DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
PEORIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No.: 20-CR-40056
	)	
MITCHELL ALLEN MELEGA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO CONTINUE

Now comes Defendant, MITCHELL ALLEN MELEGA, through his attorney, Maribeth Egert Dura, and for his Motion to Continue states as follows:

1. This matter is set for trial on January 8, 2024. A Pre-Trial is set for November 29, 2023. That the trial date was determined to be time sufficient for counsel for Defendant and Co-Defendant to be prepared for trial at that time. The Co-Defendant has since entered a plea. Defendant's attorney had not been in the case as long as the co-defendant's attorney as the Defendant had a private attorney for a significant amount of time. Unfortunately, Defendant's counsel was unaware at that time that discovery was approximately 1.6 million pages.

2. This case involves approximately 1.6 million pages of discovery. Defendant's counsel needs more time to get through discovery. The discovery in this matter is voluminous and the Defendant's attorney is not ready for trial nor will she be on January 8, 2024. The Defendant is requesting additional time to get through discovery.

3. This continuance is made in good faith and the ends of justice would outweigh the interests of the parties by continuing this pretrial and current trial setting as Defendant's attorney cannot get through 1.5 million more pages of discovery by the current trial setting and represent the Defendant effectively at trial without going through all the discovery.

4. The Defendant has been consulted and concurs in this request.

WHEREFORE, The Defendant prays this Honorable Court grant Defendant's Motion to Continue and reset the matter and for further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

MITCHELL ALLEN MELEGA, Defendant,

By: /s/ Maribeth Egert Dura
Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 20, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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