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VIA ECF
George L. Russell, Chief Judge
United States District Court for
the District of Maryland
01 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: *United States v. Ryan Dales*
Case No. GLR-23-026

Dear Judge Russell:

On October 30, 2024, Your Honor issued a scheduling Order setting the trial date for the fraud related charges, to be held in January, 2025. In the order, the Court also stated that a "Pretrial Conference/Motions Hearing" would be held on Januayr 9, 2025. I am writing to seek some clarity on this latter part of the Order.

The only pending motion is the defendant's motion for reconsideration of the Court's denial of his motion to suppress. I'm wondering whether it is this motion, ECF 76, to which the Court is referring in the October 30, 2024, Order. If so, I would aks the Court to consider holding a hearing on that motion prior to the drug/guns trial set for December 2, 2024. All of the evidence to be introduced at the drug/guns trial was seized in the search at issue in the current motion. Waiting until the drug/gun trial is over to decide the motion effectively moots the motion with regard to that evidence.

In its opposition to the motion, the Government suggests that the motion be denied without a hearing. The defense would respectfully disagree with that request and ask that the Court hold a hearing on the motion before December 2, 2024, if at all possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Richard Bardos, Of Counsel

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