UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT GREENEVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	
v.	)	**No. 2:18-CR-25**
	)	**CORKER / REEVES**
LESLIE DANIELLE BETHEA	)	

MOTION TO CONTINUE PLEA DEADLINE AND TRIAL DATE

Leslie Danielle Bethea, by counsel, files this motion for a continuance of the plea deadline and trial date in this case. In support of this motion, defendant states and shows as follows:

1. The motion deadline was April 6, 2018, and responses thereto were due by April 20, 2018. The pretrial conference is scheduled for April 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. The plea deadline is May 8, 2018. The trial is scheduled for May 22, 2018.

2. The above dates were scheduled at the detention hearing/scheduling conference held on February 28, 2018, which constituted the first setting of the case. Ms. Bethea was released on pretrial release and plea resolution discussions are ongoing. Counsel also needs to investigate matters relative to these plea resolutions.

3. The request for extension is not being made for the purposes of delay. Ms. Bethea remains in compliance with pretrial release conditions.

4. AUSA Robert M. Reeves has no objection to the request for a continuance.

In consideration of the foregoing, counsel for the defendant requests a continuance of the plea deadline and trial date. Counsel is available for a scheduling conference on April 20 (anytime) or April 24 (other than 10:30 plea hearing before Judge Jordan) or April 25 (anytime).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 19, 2018, a copy of the foregoing Motion to Continue was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system to all parties indicated on the electronic filing receipt. All other parties will be served by regular U.S. mail. Parties may access this filing through the Court's electronic filing system.

s/ *Nikki C. Pierce*