IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

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

MOTION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING DATE

Comes now Counsel for the Defendant, Leslie Danielle Bethea, and would request of this Court an Order continuing the sentencing hearing for the reasons set forth hereinafter:

1. This Court appointed this attorney to represent the Defendant on July 24, 2019 after the withdrawal of prior counsel. The Defendant is housed in North Carolina. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 5, 2019.

2. The Government and the Defendant have been consulted prior to the filing of this motion and there are no objections.

3. This Defendant is entitled to competent representation at the sentencing hearing. Based upon this attorney's experience in numerous federal cases over the past 20 plus years, it is not possible for this attorney to review the file, develop rapport with the client, prepare a sentencing memorandum and be prepared by the date currently set.

WHEREFORE, the Movant respectfully prays for the relief set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Daniella Bethea

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Douglas L. Payne, do hereby certify that on July 24, 2019, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Continuance 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/Douglas L. Payne
DOUGLAS L. PAYNE