

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	)	
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<b>v.</b>	)	Criminal Case No: <b>1:21-CR-00096</b>
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<b>MICHAEL STEPAKOFF,</b>	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

**JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE**

This matter is currently scheduled for a status conference on July 8, 2021.

The parties have engaged in productive plea negotiations and believe that a plea agreement will be reached in this case. The parties are asking for more time to finalize the terms of the final agreement.

The parties jointly request a continuance to August 26, 2021. The parties agree that the time between July 8, 2021 and August 26, 2021 should be excluded pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(iv), as the ends of justice for the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

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**ORDER**

The parties, working together, jointly requested a continuance and filed a Joint Motion to Continue. The Court finds that the requested extension is warranted because counsel for both parties require additional time to discuss a potential resolution by plea agreement, and the interests of justice in granting the extension outweigh the interests of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial. For these reasons and for good cause shown, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Joint Motion to Continue is GRANTED; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the period between the previously scheduled status conference date, July 8, 2021, and the new status date of August 26, 2021, shall be excluded pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(iv).

**SO ORDERED.**

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Date

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Hon. Rudolph Contreras, U.S.D.J.