

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

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** :  
 :  
 v. : **Case No. 21-cr-203 (JDB)**  
 :  
 **ALEXANDER SHEPPARD,** :  
 **Defendant.** :

**JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE STATUS HEARING**

The United States of America, by and through its attorney, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and the defendant, Alexander Sheppard, respectfully move this Honorable Court to set a status hearing in approximately sixty days, with time excluded under the Speedy Trial Act in the interests of justice.

In support of this motion, the parties submit that:

1. The government’s review of the evidence in the case is ongoing.
2. The government has been providing discovery to the defense on a rolling basis.
3. The parties wish to engage in plea discussions.
4. The Pretrial Services Agency report filed on July 15, 2021, recommends no change in conditions and reports no violations of the defendant’s conditions of release.
5. A continuance of approximately sixty days should allow discovery to proceed and plea discussions to occur.
6. The parties are available for a status hearing September 20, 2021, after 11 am, September 21, 2021, after 11 am, and any time on September 22, 23, or 24, 2021.
7. The parties agree that the interests of justice will be served by excluding time and outweigh the defendant’s and the public’s interest in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully ask this Court to continue the status hearing to a

date the week of September 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Joint Motion to Continue Status Hearing, it is this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2021, HEREBY ORDERED that:

- The Motion is GRANTED;
- The status hearing previously scheduled for July 19, 2021, is CONTINUED to September \_\_\_\_, 2021; and
- The interests of justice outweigh the defendant and the public's interest in a speedy trial such that the time from July 19, 2021, to September \_\_\_\_, 2021, shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act.

SO ORDERED.

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HON. JOHN D. BATES  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE