

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

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**PETER HARDING,**

**Defendant.**

**CR NO. 21-MJ-00033**

**CONSENT MOTION TO CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE AND EXCLUDE TIME  
UNDER THE SPEEDY TRIAL ACT**

The United States, through undersigned counsel, hereby files this motion to adjourn the status conference set for Tuesday, December 14, 2021, in the above-captioned matter, for approximately 60 days, until Tuesday, February 8, 2021. Defense counsel concurs in this motion. The parties request the additional time to engage in plea negotiations and review pre-discovery productions.

The parties request that the Court exclude the time from December 14, 2021, until the next status conference, pursuant to Chief Judge Howell's Standing Order 21-62 dated November 1, 2021, and 18 U.S.C. § 3161 *et seq.*, on the basis that the ends of justice served by taking such actions outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial pursuant to the factors described in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 2nd day of December, a copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record for the defendant via the Court's Electronic Filing System.

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**ORDER**

Based upon the representations in the Consent Motion to Continue Status Conference and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act, and upon consideration of the entire record, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Consent Motion to Continue Status Conference is hereby GRANTED; it is further

**ORDERED** that the status hearing currently scheduled for December 14, 2021, be continued to February 8, 2021, at 1 p.m.; it is further

**ORDERED** that the time between December 14, 2021, and February 8, 2021, shall be excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The Court finds that the ends of justice served by the granting of such continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial.

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THE HONORABLE ZIA M. FARUQUI  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE