

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MATTHEW BLEDSOE,

Defendant.

Criminal Action No. 21-204 (BAH)

Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART MOTION TO EXTEND

SELF-SURRENDER DATE

Pending before the Court is the defendant Matthew Bledsoe's Motion Extend Self-Surrender Date ("Def.'s Mot."), ECF No. 241. The government opposes the defendant's motion. *See* Response to Defendant's Motion to Extend Self-Surrender Date ("Gov't Resp.") at 1, ECF No. 242. For the reasons stated below, the defendant's motion is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART.

Defendant is currently directed to self-surrender on November 24, 2022. Def.'s Mot. ¶ 3. Defendant requests, first, that his self-surrender date be postponed until after January 2, 2023, citing his need to restructure his moving business and make arrangements to provide for his family financially while he is incarcerated. *Id.* ¶¶ 2, 4. Such a lengthy delay is unwarranted as defendant has already had four months since his conviction at trial to make the necessary arrangements regarding his moving business. Accordingly, defendant's motion is denied insofar as he requests that his self-surrender date be postponed until January 2023.

Defendant's motion is granted insofar as he requests, in the alternative, that his self-surrender date be postponed until after the Thanksgiving weekend. He is currently directed to self-surrender on Thanksgiving Day, which he would otherwise spend with his family and young

children. *Id.* ¶ 5. The interests of justice and the intended penological consequences of defendant's sentence will be sufficiently served if his self-surrender is delayed until just after the holiday. Defendant is therefore directed to self-surrender to a facility designated by the Bureau of Prisons on a date after November 30, 2022.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the defendant's Motion to Extend Self-Surrender Date is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**; and it is further

ORDERED that defendant self-surrender to a facility designated by the Bureau of Prisons on a date after November 30, 2022.

SO ORDERED.

Date: November 17, 2022

BERYL A. HOWELL
Chief Judge