

UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
 :
 v. : CRIMINAL NO. 21-mj-188
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 RYAN SAMSEL, :
 Defendant. :
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ORDER

Having considered the unopposed Motion to Continue, and for the reasons stated on the record at the February 19, 2021 hearing, it is hereby

ORDERED that, after taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of criminal cases, good cause exists to extend the Preliminary Hearing to April 1, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. before Magistrate Judge G. Michael Harvey; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the period from the date of this Order to April 1, 2021 be excluded from computing the time within which an information or indictment must be filed under the Speedy Trial Act because the ends of justice served by such a continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7). The Court finds that COVID-19 has presented complications here that make it difficult for defense to meet with her client and prepare, and that delay is necessary for the parties to work on a potential pretrial resolution; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the period from February 17, 2021, the date on which the Motion to Continue was filed, and its resolution this 19th day of February, 2021, be excluded from computing time under the Speedy Trial Act because the delay was the result of a pending pretrial motion. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1)(d). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that if the parties wish to persist in their motion that time be tolled from January 29, 2021 through February 17, 2021, the parties shall file a supplement to their Motion either outlining a different basis for such exclusion besides 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h) or providing case law on the issue off whether an ends-of-justice continuance can be made retroactively.



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Robin M. Meriweather
United States Magistrate Judge