

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	CASE NO. 21-077 (RDM)
v.	:	
	:	
MELODY STEELE-SMITH	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

**MOTION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING HEARING AND
VACATE SENTENCING RELATED DEADLINES**

The United States of America, appearing herein through the United States Attorney, moves this Court to continue the sentencing hearing currently scheduled for May 5, 2023 and move this Court to vacate the deadlines for the government and counsel for defendant to file sentencing memorandums.

Counsel for the government is in need of additional time to prepare for sentencing. Should this Court grant a continuance of this matter, the government would also request that the deadline for the government and the defendant to file sentencing memoranda also be vacated. Counsel for the defendant and the government have conferred. Counsel for defendant has no objection to this request. Counsel for the defendant has informed the government that she is unavailable from June 27th – July 5th. Counsel for the government is expected to be in the District of Columbia the week of June 19th.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reason the parties respectfully request that the Court grant the request to vacate the sentencing date currently set for May 5, 2023, grant a continuance of the above-captioned proceeding, and set a new submission deadline for the government's and defendant's sentencing memoranda to be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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