

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

STEVE OMAR MALDONADO,

Defendant.

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Cr. No. 21-cr-00176 (CJN)

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE STATUS HEARING

Mr. Steve Maldonado, through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this motion to continue the next status hearing, currently set for October 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., and as grounds therefore states:

1. On February 8, 2021, Mr. Maldonado was charged by criminal complaint with Entering and Remaining on Restricted Buildings or Grounds in Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (2), and Violent Entry or Disorderly Conduct, and Parade, Demonstrate, or Picket on Capitol Grounds in violation of 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G). *See* ECF No. 1.
2. On February 12, 2021, Mr. Maldonado appeared in the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia for an initial appearance. At that hearing, Magistrate Meriweather released Mr. Maldonado on his personal recognizance subject to conditions. *See* ECF No. 5.
3. On March 3, 2021, a federal grand jury indicted Mr. Maldonado on the previously listed misdemeanor charges, and also a felony charge of Obstructing an Official Proceeding, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2), and Aiding and Abetting the

same, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2.

4. Since that time, the parties have participated in three (3) status conferences where it was explained that discovery and disposition negotiations were ongoing. *See* Minute Entries, May 13, 2021; Jul. 13, 2021; & Sept 14, 2021. A next status conference is scheduled for October 12, 2021.
5. Recently, on another case assigned to defense counsel, a time-sensitive matter has emerged that directly conflicts with the next status conference date set in this case.
6. Undersigned has consulted with the government, through its attorney, Graciela Rodriguez Lindberg, and she consents to the continuing of the status in the instant case due to the time conflict.
7. Additionally, undersigned spoke with Mr. Maldonado, who also consents to the continuing of the status hearing because of undersigned's time conflict.
8. Undersigned consulted with the Court and learned it is available for a telephonic status hearing on October 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. Undersigned, government counsel, and Mr. Maldonado are all available at those times for a re-scheduled status.
9. Mr. Maldonado further agrees to the exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act until the date of the rescheduled hearing, as good cause and the interests of justice (the availability of counsel) outweigh his and the public's interest in a speedy trial.

