

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA §
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VS. §
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SAMUEL CHRISTOPHER MONTOYA §

CASE NO. 1:21-cr-00336-JDB-1

**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE STATUS HEARING
AND TO EXCLUDE TIME UNDER SPEEDY TRIAL ACT**

**TO THE HONORABLE JOHN D. BATES, SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:**

NOW COMES SAMUEL CHRISTOPHER MONTOYA, Defendant in the above-entitled and numbered cause, by and through his undersigned Counsel, Donald H. Flanary, III., and respectfully moves to continue the status hearing scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022, for at least 60 days and to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act, and in support thereof Defendant would respectfully show this Honorable Court as follows:

I.

Defendant in this case stands charged by Information with Count One: Entering/Remaining on Restricted Buildings or Grounds in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 1752 (a)(1); Count Two: Disorderly/Disruptive Conduct in or near a Restricted Building or Grounds in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 1752 (a)(2); Count Three: Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building in violation of Title 40 U.S.C. § 5104 (e)(2)(D); Count Four: Impeding Passage Through the Capitol Grounds or Buildings in violation of Title 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(E); and Count Five: Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building in violation of Title 40 U.S.C. § 5104 (e)(2)(G).

II.

The Government has been working with Defense Counsel in order to provide voluminous discovery in this case. The parties hope to be able to negotiate a plea agreement that would obviate the need for a trial. However, the parties need additional time for the production and review of discovery and to engage in discussions. Continuing the status hearing currently scheduled for March 7, 2022, for at least 60 days will provide the parties with additional time for discovery production and review and to engage in discussions.

The Speedy Trial Act requires that, in any case in which a plea of not guilty is entered, the trial of a defendant charged in an information or indictment with the commission of an offense shall commence within seventy days from the filing date (and making public) of the information or indictment, or from the date the defendant has appeared before a judicial officer of the court in which such charge is pending, whichever date last occurs. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(c)(1). However, the Act excludes any period of delay when a judge grants a continuance and finds that “the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.” 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). When granting an ends-of-justice continuance, the Court must “set[] forth, in the record of the case, either orally or in writing, its reasons for [that] finding.” *Id.*

Here, the exclusion of time through the 60 days best serves the interests and ends of justice and outweighs the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial because excluding such time will afford the Defense the opportunity to engage in plea discussions with the Government and to continue reviewing discovery.

The Government does not oppose this motion.

III.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the parties respectfully request that the Court continue this matter for at least 60 days and exclude time through and including that date for purposes of any computation under the Speedy Trial Act and for other such relief that this Honorable Court deems just and right.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 3, 2022, a true and exact copy of the above and foregoing Motion was electronically sent *via* CM/ECF to Alexis Jane Loeb, Assistant United States Attorney.

/s/ Donald H. Flanary, III.
Donald H. Flanary, III.

CERTIFICATE OF CONSULTATION

This is to certify that Undersigned Counsel conferred with the Assistant United States Attorney regarding this motion and:

 X She does not oppose it.

 She does oppose it.

 Our attempts to resolve it were unsuccessful.

 Counsel were able to agree regarding the motion as follows: _____

 Counsel's attempt to contact the Government was unsuccessful.

/s/ Donald H. Flanary, III.
Donald H. Flanary, III.