UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ISAAC ANTHONY THOMAS,

Defendant.

Criminal Action No. 23-0069-1 (CKK)

ORDER

(December 21, 2023)

The Court held a hearing in this matter on December 21, 2023. Defendant Isaac Thomas, Defense counsel, Government counsel, and a court reporter were present in person; Pretrial Services for the District of Columbia and Pretrial Services for the Western District of Michigan were present via Zoom videoconference.

The Court discussed the status of the case against Defendant Thomas. Discovery remains complete with the exception of some data from cell phones. Pending before the Court is the Government's [81] Motion for Discovery requesting *in camera* review of Defendant Christina Legros's cell phone records. As there is a question regarding Defendant Legros's competency and she is unable to participate in discussions and decision-making, the Court requests that Defendant Legros's counsel communicate with Government counsel and Defense counsel for Defendant Thomas regarding any potential concerns or questions regarding turning over the cell phone records. The Court notes that it is proceeding with the case against Defendant Thomas in light of his Speedy Trial Act rights and to ensure that his case progresses, as his matter cannot be delayed indefinitely due to Defendant Legros's mental and physical health, and as she currently awaits an inpatient evaluation at the Bureau of Prisons, *see* ECF No. 75. The Court will, in a separate order, refer the pending [81] Motion for Discovery to a Magistrate Judge and request an update from that Judge on January 19, 2024.

As for the disposition of the case, Defense counsel indicates that he has had difficulty communicating with Defendant Thomas regarding the plea offer that was extended by the Government; he wants to proceed with both paths—potentially accepting a plea and proceeding to trial—as available options. The Court **ORDERS** the Government and Defendant Thomas to confer and submit a new proposed pretrial schedule, using the [49] Template, by no later than **January 17, 2024**.

The Court also discussed the pending [82] Motion for Release. Defense counsel indicated that Defendant Thomas is taking a prescribed medication instead of medical marijuana to address a prior injury, which may moot the medical marijuana issue in relation to his request for release and potential conditions of release. The Court **ORDERS** Pretrial Services Agency to file a report that is responsive to the [82] Motion, including regarding Defendant's proposed housing and other conditions that would need to be in place, by no later than **January 19, 2024**.

The Court **ORDERS** Defendant to appear for another status hearing on **January 23, 2024** at 1:00 pm EST in Courtroom 28A.

The Court discussed with Defendant Thomas his Speedy Trial Act rights.

Defendant consented to the exclusion of time from December 21, 2023 until January 23, 2024, the date of the next status hearing. The Court finds that a continuance of Defendant's Speedy Trial rights serves the "ends of justice" and outweighs the best interests of both the community and Defendant because the continuance will allow Defendant to make decisions about the future of this case. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Taking into account this continuance, the Court has calculated that Defendant's new 70-day deadline is April 2, 2024 and 90-day deadline is April 22, 2024.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 21, 2023

COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY
United States District Judge