

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATHENS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

GERALD COLLINS,

Defendant.

CRIMINAL ACTION NO.
3:24-cr-00034-TES-CHW-1

ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE

Before the Court is Defendant Gerald Collins' Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial in the Interest of Justice [Doc. 25]. On November 21, 2024, the Grand Jury returned a one-count Indictment [Doc. 1] charging Defendant with Possession of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2). The next day, Defendant pled not guilty at his arraignment and was detained pending trial. [Doc. 15]; [Doc. 16]; [Doc. 18]. On February 4, 2025, the Court continued this case for the first time. [Doc. 24]. Defendant now seeks a second continuance. [Doc. 25].

In support of his Motion, Defendant explains that his "counsel and her investigator have reviewed the discovery" and are "in the process of reviewing those materials with" Defendant. [*Id.* at p. 1]. He "request[s] additional time to continue defense investigations" and engage in "meaningful plea negotiations." [*Id.* at p. 2]. The Government does not oppose this Motion. [*Id.*].

The Court finds that granting Defendant's request serves the ends of justice. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The Court further finds that the ends of justice served by granting Defendant's request outweigh the interests of Defendant and the public in a speedy trial. *See id.* Specifically, failure to grant this continuance would deny Defendant "the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence." *Id.* at § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** Defendant's Motion [Doc. 25], **CONTINUES** the Pretrial Conference until April 7, 2025, and **CONTINUES** the trial of this matter until May 27, 2025. The delay occasioned by this continuance shall be deemed excludable pursuant to the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A) and 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

SO ORDERED, this 12th day of March, 2025.

S/ Tilman E. Self, III
TILMAN E. SELF, III, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT