

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
VALDOSTA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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v.	:	
	:	Case No.: 7:23-CR-17 (WLS-TQL)
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CHRISTOPHER E. BARNES,	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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ORDER

Presently before the Court is Defendant, Christopher E. Barnes', Unopposed Motion for a Continuance, which was filed on April 4, 2023. (Doc. 27.) Therein, Defendant Barnes moves to continue this Court's specially set May 8, 2023, Valdosta Trial Term, and corresponding April 11, 2023, Pretrial Conference, to the next regularly scheduled term of Court in the Valdosta Division. (*Id.*) The reason that a continuance is requested is that Defense Counsel requires additional time to conduct an investigation, research, and discuss the Government's case in chief with Defendant. (*Id.*)

Based on the Parties' stated reasons, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting such a continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A)-(B). Therefore, the motion to continue (Doc. 27) is **GRANTED**. The Court hereby **ORDERS** that the trial in the above-referenced matter be **CONTINUED** to the Valdosta Division August 2023 term and its conclusion, or as may otherwise be ordered by the Court. Furthermore, it is **ORDERED** that the time lost under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, be **EXCLUDED** pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)

because the Court has continued the trial in this case and finds that the failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of justice. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

The April 11, 2023 pretrial conference is **CANCELLED**.

SO ORDERED, this 7th day of April 2023.

/s/ W. Louis Sands

W. LOUIS SANDS, SR. JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT