

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
FLORENCE DIVISION

IN RE: REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES;  
CRIMINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

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**STANDING  
ORDER**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any Motion for Continuance filed before a scheduled pretrial conference shall state a reason, under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B), why a continuance is requested. The Motion for Continuance must also contain not only defense counsel’s signature, but also the signature of the *defendant* acknowledging that he/she is waiving his/her rights under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161 et seq., as well the signature of the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the case consenting to a continuance.

In cases where there are *multiple defendants*, this Court will not consider granting a continuance before the pretrial conference unless there are Motions for Continuance, with the appropriate signatures (as explained in the above paragraph), from *all* defendants in the case. Counsel should contact each other regarding obtaining the necessary signatures.

Counsel are reminded that if they make a Motion for Continuance before the scheduled pretrial conference they should contact the Clerk’s office to confirm whether the Court has granted a continuance and whether they are excused from attending the scheduled pretrial conference. Unless you are excused by the Court, your attendance at the pretrial conference is *required*.

This Court is aware of the fact that many of the cases that are placed on the term of Court are recently indicted cases, however, this is because this Court does not hold a term in the Florence division every month due to being assigned to other divisions and the necessity of complying with the Speedy

Trial Act.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ R. Bryan Harwell

R. Bryan Harwell

United States District Judge

July 7, 2006

Florence, South Carolina