



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

IN RE: ALL CRIMINAL MATTERS
ASSIGNED TO JUDGE LEWIS

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STANDING ORDER

The following deadlines will apply to all criminal matters before the undersigned:

- Motions to Continue filed before a scheduled pretrial conference shall state a reason under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B) why a continuance is requested. Motions and proposed orders from defense counsel must include the language that **defense counsel has specifically advised his client that by requesting this continuance, or consenting thereto, the defendant has waived his rights to a speedy trial**, as well as language that they have consulted with the Assistant U.S. Attorney assigned to the case and they consent. 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 from *all* defendants in the case. Counsel should contact one another regarding obtaining the necessary signatures.
- Plea agreements must be filed with the Court no later than two (2) business days prior to a scheduled pretrial conference or plea hearing.
- Sentencing memoranda, motions for a variance, motions for a downward departure, and any other motions relating to sentencing must be filed at least two (2) business days prior to the sentencing hearing.
- **Joint** Strikes for Cause and **Joint** Requests for Voir Dire shall be filed with the Court no later than two (2) business days prior to jury selection. Requests for Voir Dire must include a list of witnesses along with their addresses as well as the occupation of each witness if relevant.
- The parties are required to **jointly** submit one set of Requests to Charge, to be filed with the Court no later than five (5) days prior to trial. If the parties cannot agree upon one entire set, they are required to submit joint instructions that have been agreed upon, and submit supplemental instructions that have not been agreed on. Each supplemental instruction should list the party requesting the instruction as well as any party's objection to the instruction.

Failure to timely file will result in sanctions and/or a waiver of any requests.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Mary G. Lewis

Mary G. Lewis
United States District Judge

May 22, 2018