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The Honorable Joanna Seybert United States District Judge Eastern District of New York 610 Federal Plaza Central Islip, New York 11722

Re: United States v. George Anthony Devolder Santos

Criminal Docket No. 23-197 (S-1) (JS)

## Dear Judge Seybert:

The parties respectfully submit this proposed joint agenda for the status conference in the above-captioned matter scheduled for December 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

- Production of Rule 16 Material: The government continues to produce discoverable material to the defendant on a rolling basis pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16. The government has made prior productions of material to the defendant on June 27, 2023, September 1, 2023 and October 27, 2023. The government anticipates making another production of material to the defendant tomorrow, which will substantially complete the production of discoverable material currently in the government's possession. The government will continue to produce discoverable material on a rolling basis.
- <u>Trial Date</u>: The government respectfully renews its request for a trial date in May or June 2024 in this matter. At the last status conference, the Court set a trial date of September 9, 2024, due to other criminal trials scheduled before the Court in Spring 2024. The government respectfully requests that, if any of those matters have been resolved or are scheduled to be resolved in the coming weeks, that the Court reconsider the government's request for an earlier trial date. Defense counsel opposes the government's request for an earlier trial date.
- <u>Pre-Trial Schedule</u>: The government respectfully submits the following proposed pretrial schedule for the Court's consideration:

- o Pre-Trial Motions:1
  - Initial Defense Brief Due January 19, 2024
  - Government Response Due February 23, 2024
  - Defense Reply Due March 8, 2024
- o Expert Disclosures Pursuant to Rule 16(a)(1)(G):
  - Initial Expert Disclosures Eight Weeks Before Trial
  - Rebuttal Expert Disclosures Six Weeks Before Trial
- o Motions in Limine:
  - Initial Briefs Due Five Weeks Before Trial
  - Responses Due Three Weeks Before Trial
  - Replies Due Two Weeks Before Trial
- o Witnesses/Exhibits/Section 3500/Rule 26.2 Materials: Three Weeks Before Trial
- o Final Pretrial Conference: One Week Before Trial
- Next Status Conference The parties respectfully request that the Court schedule the next status conference in approximately 30 days. The parties are presently engaged in plea negotiations with the goal of resolving this matter without the need for a trial. The parties wish to continue those negotiations over the next thirty days and respectfully

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defense counsel has advised the government that they object to the proposed schedule for pre-trial motions, but has not proposed an alternative schedule. Defense counsel has not advised the government of any objections to the remainder of the proposed schedule.

submit that the ends of justice served by such an excludable delay outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

Respectfully submitted,

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