## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI WESTERN DIVISION

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

Vs.

Case No. 09-00121-01-DGK

GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, Defendant.

## MOTION OF DEFENDANT FOR CONTINUANCE OF TRIAL SETTING

COMES NOW Defendant Gilberto Lara-Ruiz, by and through his undersigned attorney, and moves the Court to continue the above-captioned case from the trial setting of August 16, 2010, until the joint criminal trial docket commencing in November of 2010.

IN SUPPORT of this Motion, Defendant states as follows:

- Defendant is charged in a fifteen count multi-defendant Indictment returned April 9, 2009, with engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise, possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine, money laundering, and firearms violations. Defendant is charged in fourteen of the fifteen counts of the Indictment. Defendant is not eligible for bond as he is serving a federal sentence. Defendant was arraigned on May 14, 2009.
- 2. Defense counsel filed a Motion to Dismiss the Indictment (Document 154) on June 14, 2010. The Motion to Dismiss was heard by Magistrate Judge Maughmer on August 3, 2010. The court will need a copy of the transcript of the motion hearing and sufficient time to rule on the Motion to Dismiss. The current docket schedule will not allow the court sufficient

time to address the issues and obtain a copy of the transcript prior to the trial date. The ruling on the motion will directly impact the issue of the trial as certain counts of the Indictment may be dismissed.

- Although detained pending trial, Defendant consents to this continuance request, and waives his rights under the Speedy Trial Act.
- 4. Counsel for the government does not object to this request for continuance.
- 5. This continuance is not sought for the purpose of delay, but is sought so that the defendant may be afforded due process of law under the Fifth Amendment and effective assistance of counsel under the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The aforementioned reasons for the continuance outweigh the interest of the public and defendant regarding speedy trial under 18 U.S.C. § 3161©(1).
- 6. The delay in trial resulting from this motion should be excluded in computing the period of time within which the defendant should be brought to trial under the Speedy Trial Act.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that this Court continue the above-captioned case from the trial setting of August 16, 2010, until the joint criminal jury trial docket commencing in November of 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 3rd day of August, 2010, a copy of the aforementioned entry of appearance was sent via electronic filing to:

AUSA Bruce Rhoads

/s/Jacquelyn E. Rokusek #16308