UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Vs.

Case No.: 19-CR-151

RUBEN ORTIZ,

Defendant.

MOTION TO CONTINUE

Defendant, Ruben Ortiz, represented by Attorney John S. Schiro, hereby moves the Court to continue this matter from the final pre-trial scheduled on September 3, 2021.

AS GROUNDS for said motion, the defendant asserts that the Government and the defendant are continuing to finalize a plea agreement, which negotiations were delayed, in part, due to counsel for Mr. Ortiz contracting Covid and being quarantined. The undersigned is now scheduled to see the defendant on September 2, 2021, in hopes of making further progress in reaching a final resolution.

The undersigned further has permission of the Government to indicate that the Government is joining in this request.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2021.

SCHIRO CRIMINAL DEFENSE By: *s/JOHN S. SCHIRO* Attorney for Defendant State Bar No. 1009184