IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

JAMES BONINI, CIERK COLUMBUS, OHIO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

vs.

Case No. CR-2-04-152 Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.

MONIQUA WALLACE, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the United States' Motion for Continuance of the Trial Date filed on December 2, 2004. The trial is presently scheduled to begin on December 13, 2004. The final pretrial conference is scheduled for December 3, 2004. The Government indicates that two of the five defendants, Tiffany Nicholas and Andrea Andrews, have only recently been appointed counsel to represent them and one defendant has not yet been arraigned. These defendants and their attorneys need additional time to prepare for trial. Defendants Nicholas and Andrews join in the Government's Motion.

For good cause shown, the Court concludes that a continuance is appropriate to allow "reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence." 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv). Moreover, the Court finds, in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), that the interests of justice outweigh the best interests of the Defendants and the public in a speedy trial. The Motion for Continuance of Trial is therefore **GRANTED**. The trial date, December 13, 2004, is hereby **VACATED**. The final pretrial conference and trial will be rescheduled by separate notice from the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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DATED	EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE