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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

l	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	NO. 14-00124-SJM-1
	Plaintiff,)	
	vs.)	Declaration in Support
)	of Motion to Strike and
	JAMES TERRY HENRIKSON,)	Continue Trial Date
)	
	Defendant.)	

MARK E. VOVOS, being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and states: That I am over the age of eighteen years and competent to make the following declaration based upon my personal information and belief. I would testify to these statements in a court of law under penalty of perjury.

1. I am one of the attorneys for James Henrikson, and I make this declaration in support of our motion to strike and continue the trial date presently set in this matter. Mr. Henrikson first arrived in this district on September 19,

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2014, and he was arraigned on September 19, 2014. I was appointed to represent Mr. Henrikson on September 19, 2014. On September 23, 2014, trial was set for November 17, 2014 [ECF No. 114]. Thereafter, on October 8, 2014, United States Magistrate Judge Rodgers appointed co-counsel, Todd Maybrown, to assist me in these matters.

- 2. This is a potential capital case in which the Attorney General of the United States is considering whether to seek imposition of a death sentence as to Mr. Henrikson. Counsel has just recently received partial discovery from the government, and anticipates that the discovery information in this case is sure to be voluminous including thousands of pages of documents and many terabytes of data. Moreover, it is important to note that this case involves federal and state jurisdictions other than the State of Washington. As of this date, counsel has been unable to complete any investigatory tasks pending appointment of an experienced investigator and a mitigation expert by this Court.
- 3. Consistent with the Sixth Amendment, counsel is constitutionally required to conduct a comprehensive investigation and trial preparation in a case of this sort. See, e.g., Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668 (1984); Wiggins v. Smith, 539 U.S. 510 (2003); ABA Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance

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of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases (revised 2003). Most importantly, counsel must thoroughly investigate the life and history of Mr. Henrikson. This is certain to be a time-consuming process.

- 3. Because discovery is in its infancy, counsel needs additional time to review and investigate issues regarding the substantive charges in the government's Indictment. Moreover, counsel needs additional time to investigate and consider all available information potentially bearing upon mitigation and punishment. Counsel represents and declares that he would be ineffective if this case were to proceed to trial as currently scheduled.
- 4. There can be no uniform answer to the question of how much time is needed to prepare the defense of a capital case for trial, since each case differs in many ways from every other. However, since January 1, 2004, counsel is aware of 150 capital defendants who have proceeded to trial with the government seeking imposition of the death penalty. *See* Exhibit A (Declaration of Kevin McNally submitted in *United States v. Tsarnaev*, Cause No. 13-102000-GAO (D. Mass.)). In these 150 federal cases that have actually reached trial, district courts have allowed the defendants an average of approximately 36 months' preparation time

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between indictment and the start of trial. *See id*. The *median* time-to-trial in such cases has been 32 months. *See id*.

6. Under the circumstances, counsel asks that this matter be continued until a date in 2016, and appropriate scheduling for motions be set consistent with the calendars of this Court and all counsel.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21st day of October, 2014.

s/ Mark E. Vovos, #4474

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 21, 2014, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System which will send notification of such filing to: Aine Ahmed, Assistant United States Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

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DECLARATION OF KEVIN McNALLY REGARDING PRE-TRIAL PREPARATION TIME

- 1. I currently serve as the Director of the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Project, assisting court-appointed and defender attorneys charged with the defense of capital cases in the federal courts. I have served as Resource Counsel since the inception of the Resource Counsel Project in January, 1992. The Project is funded and administered under the Criminal Justice Act by the Defender Services Office of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.
- 2. My responsibilities as federal resource counsel include the monitoring of all federal capital prosecutions throughout the United States in order to assist in the delivery of adequate defense services to indigent capital defendants in such cases. This effort includes the collection of data on the initiation and prosecution of federal capital cases.¹

¹¹The work of the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Project is described in a report prepared by the Subcommittee on Federal Death Penalty Cases, Committee on Defender Services, Judicial Conference of the United States, www.uscourts.gov/dpenalty/1COVER.htm. The Subcommittee report "urges the judiciary and counsel to maximize the benefits of the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Project ..., which has become essential to the delivery of high quality, cost-effective representation in death penalty cases" *Id.* at 50. A recent update to the Report stated: "Many judges and defense counsel spoke with appreciation and admiration about the work of Resource Counsel. Judges emphasized their assistance

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In order to carry out the duties entrusted to me, I maintain a comprehensive list of federal death penalty prosecutions and information about these cases. I accomplish this by internet news searches, reviewing dockets, and downloading and obtaining indictments, pleadings of substance, notices of intent to seek or not seek the death penalty, and orders and opinions by the District Courts. I also conduct telephonic or in-person interviews with defense counsel, and consultation with chambers. This information is regularly updated and is checked for accuracy by consulting with defense counsel. The Project's information regarding federal capital prosecutions has been relied upon by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, by the Federal Judicial Center, and by various federal district courts.

4. Resource counsel collect comprehensive and accurate data concerning various practices that have emerged since the federal courts resumed trying capital cases in 1990. This collection of data includes the intervals of time between various

in recruiting and recommending counsel for appointments and their availability to consult on matters relating to the defense, including case budgeting. Defense counsel found their knowledge, national perspective, and case-specific assistance invaluable."

http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/AppointmentOfCounsel/Publications/UpdateFederalDeathPenaltyCases.aspx

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pretrial milestones and trial and mitigation submission.

- 5. There have been 150 defendants whose federal capital cases have actually commenced trial since January 1, 2004. A number of these cases involved two or more capital co-defendants; as a result, the 150 defendants' cases represent a total of 119 trials.²
- 6. The average time between indictment and the trial date for the 150 federal capital defendants who actually began trial from January 1, 2004 forward, is approximately 36.5 months.
- 7. The median time between indictment and the trial date for the 150 federal capital defendants who actually began trial from January 1, 2004 forward, is approximately _32.6 _ months
- 8. The average time between indictment and the trial date in the 119 federal capital cases which actually began trial from January 1, 2004 forward, is approximately 37.1 months.
- 9. The median for the time between indictment and the actual trial date in these 119 federal capital cases, from 2004 forward is 32.6 months.

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² There are three defendants included in this total (Donnell Young, Ronell Wilson and George Lecco) who two trials during the period. These figures include only the first trial.

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- 10. In order to determine whether these time-to-trial calculations were of trials of Bureau of Prison inmates for murders committed while incarcerated, I recalculated the time-to-trial intervals with 18 BOP cases removed. This was done to test the hypothesis that BOP murder cases might typically to take longer to reach trial for reasons unrelated to the needs of the parties for adequate preparation time. Removing the 18 BOP cases had little effect on the average or median time-to-trial intervals, which remained at 36.1 (average) and 31.6 (median).
- 11. Of the 150 federal defendants to stand trial during this period, three (in one case) were Russian nationals whose cases involved mitigation investigation in Russia. Two of these defendants (Iouri Mikhel and Jurijus Kadamovas) were tried jointly; the case of the third co-defendant (Petro Krylov) was severed, and he was tried last. The first of these trials began 52.9 months after indictment. The second and last began 60.3 months after indictment.
- 12. Pursuant to declarant's responsibilities as Federal Death Penalty Resource

 Counsel, declarant has compiled the above information regarding federal capital

 cases in the regular course of the business of the Federal Death Penalty Resource

 Counsel Project.

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I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, 28 U.S.C. §1746, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 29th day of August, 2014.

/s/ Kevin McNally
Kevin McNally