

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
GAINESVILLE DIVISION

United States of America,

versus

Victoria Boyter.

Criminal Action Number
2:25-cr-015-SCJ-AWH

Unopposed Motion to Continue Pretrial Conference

On May 19, 2025, Ms. Boyter pleaded not guilty to a one-count indictment charging her with distributing an animal crush video, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 48(a)(3). (Doc. 8, 1). The Court appointed Judy Fleming with the Federal Defender Program to represent Ms. Boyter. At Ms. Fleming's request, the Court has granted several motions to continue the case to allow the defense to investigate and to negotiate a possible disposition with the government.

On February 3, 2026, undersigned counsel filed a notice of appearance and entered the case to assist Ms. Fleming, who is unusually busy with other cases at the moment. New counsel needs time to review the case and get up to speed.

The parties are both interested in reaching a negotiated resolution of the case. It is also clear that mitigation will play an important role in negotiation and at sentencing. Counsel for the government has indicated that she would be receptive to receiving mitigation information and would take it into consideration in crafting a fair proposed plea agreement. The defense has already gathered numerous educational, medical, and mental health records for Ms. Boyter, and interviewed numerous friends and family.

From a review of this material, it is clear that a mitigation specialist is needed to pull it all together and present Ms. Boyter's history and characteristics in a way which will be meaningful for the government and eventually the Court. The defense has contracted with mitigation specialist Kelly Hart, and she has already begun reviewing all of the gathered materials. She estimates that she will need until the end of March to complete her investigation and report. To allow the parties adequate time to consider that report and then hopefully reach a negotiated disposition, Ms. Boyter respectfully asks the Court to continue the pretrial conference for approximately 60 days.

The government does not oppose this motion.

Dated: This 13th day of February, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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