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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

**Affirmation in Support of
Application for Order of Continuance**

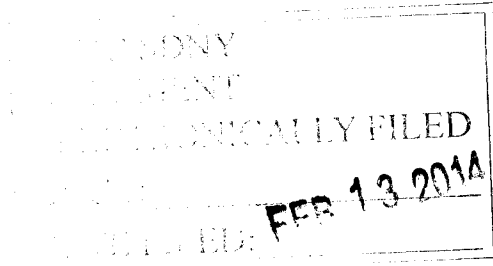
PURNA CHANDRA ARAMALLA,

13 Mag. 2869

Defendant.

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State of New York)
County of New York : ss.:
Southern District of New York)



NIKETH VELAMOOR, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1746, hereby declares under penalty of perjury:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. I submit this affirmation in support of an application for an order of continuance of the time within which an indictment or information would otherwise have to be filed, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(7)(A).

2. The defendant was charged in a complaint dated December 11, 2013, with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1349 and 1956. The defendant was arrested on December 12, 2013 and was presented before Magistrate Judge Debra Freeman on December 12, 2013. The defendant was represented by Catherine Foti, Esq. and ordered released on bail subject to the satisfaction of bail conditions.

3. At the presentment on December 12, 2013, defense counsel consented to a waiver of her client's right pursuant to Rule 5.1 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to a preliminary hearing within 14 days of the initial appearance. Accordingly, under the Speedy Trial Act the Government initially had until January 13, 2014 within which to file an indictment or information.

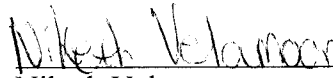
On or about January 13, 2014, Magistrate Judge Ronald L. Ellis entered an Order of Continuance, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7)(A), extending the time within which an indictment or information would otherwise have had to be filed in this case until February 13, 2014.

4. Defense counsel Foti and I have had discussions regarding a possible disposition of this case. The negotiations have not been completed and we plan to continue our discussions, but do not anticipate a resolution before the deadline under the Speedy Trial Act expires on February 13, 2014.

5. Therefore, the Government is requesting a 30-day continuance until March 17, 2014, to continue the foregoing discussions and reach a disposition of this matter. I received an email from defense counsel specifically consenting to this request. Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division Andrew Dember also consents to this request

6. For the reasons stated above, the ends of justice served by the granting of the requested continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial.

Dated: New York, New York
February 12, 2014



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