UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT MYERS DIVISION

DEBORAH A. WAINEY, personal representative of the estate of Calvin Griffin, Jr., deceased,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 2:20-cv-969-SPC-NPM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

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ORDER¹

Before the Court is the Settlement Conference Minute Entry, indicating the settlement conference resulted in an impasse. (<u>Doc. 57</u>). This four-day bench trial is currently set for the February 2023 trial term. (<u>Doc. 24</u>). In its broad discretion, the Court will move up the trial and related deadlines.

It is undisputed that a court may modify trial dates for good cause. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). There are criminal and civil jury trials pending in February 2023, all of which would take priority over this bench trial. That could result in this trial being pushed back for months. This case is ready for trial. The

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parties have completed discovery, the Court has ruled on motions for summary judgment, and a settlement conference has been conducted. So, in the interests of judicial economy, the Court will set the trial for January 17, 2022, and move up the related deadlines.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED:

- This action is set for a bench trial on January 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. before the undersigned. The Clerk is DIRECTED to issue a notice of trial under separate cover.
- 2. These deadlines govern this action through the bench trial:

DEADLINE	DATE
Final Pretrial Meeting	December 28, 2022
Motions in Limine	January 3, 2023
Responses to Motions in Limine	January 6, 2023
Joint Final Pretrial Statement and Trial Briefs	January 9, 2023
Final Pretrial Conference	Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 9:30 am
Trial Date	January 17, 2023, at 9:00 am
Estimated Length of Trial	4 days

DONE and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida on November 21, 2022.

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