File No. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA In The General Court Of Justice **Gaston County** ☐ District Court Division STATE VERSUS Defendant MOTION AND ORDER TO CONTINUE **MOTION** The undersigned moves to continue the trial of these charges From (Date) Through (Date) for the reasons checked below: Counsel has not had adequate time to prepare. Counsel for the defendant cannot be present at this session because: The trial of other cases prevented the trial of this case during this session. The trial of other cases prevented the trial of this case during this session and the continuation of this charge is occasioned by the venue being within a county where, due to the limited number of scheduled court sessions, the time limitations of G.S. 15A-701 cannot be reasonably met. A hearing on pretrial motions is necessary before the case can be tried. The defendant an essential witness for the State defendant is absent or unavailable within the meaning of G.S. 15A-701(b)(3). Name Of Essential Witness, If Applicable The defendant is undergoing physical or mental examination or treatment. Prosecution has been deferred in accordance with G.S. 15A-701(b)(2). Other (Specify): Date Consented To By Opposing Party Signature Yes ☐ No Signature Of Opposing Party Defendant Attorney For Defendant Prosecutor **ORDER** Considering the factors set forth in G.S. 15A-701(b)(7), the Court finds as a fact that the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial and therefore grants the continuance for the reasons above. The Court orders that the following time be excluded in determining whether a trial has been held within the time limits established by G.S. 15A-701. Time Period (From) Date Time Period (Through) Signature Of Judge Name Of Judge (Type Or Print)