

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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STATE OF MINNESOTA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**TOU THAO**

and

**J. ALEXANDER KUENG,**

Defendants.

**ORDER**

Court File No. 27-CR-20-12949

Court File No. 27-CR-20-12953

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This matter came before the Court for a Zoom motion hearing on June 21, 2022, on the motion by defendant J. Alexander Kueng to change the trial date because defense counsel for defendant Kueng is unavailable during January, February, and March of 2023.

Matthew Frank and Joshua Larson appeared on behalf of the State and filed a demand for speedy trial on June 17, 2022.

Robert Paule and Natalie Paule appeared on behalf of Tou Thao, who was present.

Thomas Plunkett appeared on behalf of J. Alexander Kueng, who was present.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings, the Court makes the following:

**ORDER**

1. The Defense motion to change the trial date is **GRANTED**:
  - a. Motions *in limine* will be heard October 6 and 7, 2022, at 9 a.m. each day by Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/366ccskt>.
  - b. Trial will commence with jury selection on October 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

- i. Each Defendant will have five peremptory strikes and the State will have a total of six peremptory strikes.
    - ii. Jury selection will be by individual selection as required by Minn. R. Crim. P. 26.02 subd. 4(2)(b).
    - iii. Questionnaires shall be sent out to a new panel of jurors on or about July 25, 2022.
  - c. Opening statements and presentation of evidence will begin November 7, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. The Court will be in recess on the following weekdays during trial:
    - i. November 11, 2022 (Veterans' Day)
    - ii. November 23-25, 2022 (Thanksgiving)
  - d. Trial will be finished, and deliberations will begin on or before December 16, 2022.
2. Good cause is found to continue this case beyond August 17, 2022, based on the Court's prior findings supporting the original continuance to January 2023.
  3. All other trial management orders and scheduled deadlines consistent with this Order shall remain in effect.

**BY THE COURT:**

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Peter A. Cahill  
Judge of District Court