

**ENTERED**

May 17, 2023

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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VS.

CRIMINAL NO. 4:17-CR-00514 -8

PAULO JORGE DA COSTA CASQUEIRO  
MURTA (8),

Defendant.

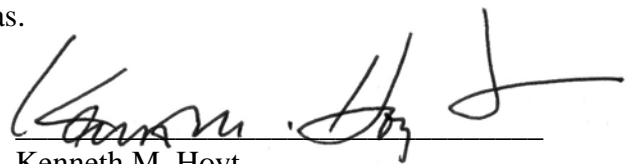
**ORDER**

The Court has considered the defendant's, Paul Murta, opposed motions to dismiss the Superseding Indictment based on alleged violations of the Speedy Trial Act [DE 263] and violations of the Sixth Amendment right to a speedy trial [DE 411], the government's responses [DEs 276, 422], and the defendant's reply [DE 290]. After careful consideration, the Court determines that the defendant's motions should be granted. The motions are GRANTED.

A Memorandum Opinion and Order detailing the Court's reasoning will be entered within ten (10) days. The conference and trial settings of May 19 and 22, respectively, are CANCELLED.

It is so Ordered.

SIGNED on May 17, 2023, at Houston, Texas.



Kenneth M. Hoyt  
United States District Judge