

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 18001958CF10A

vs.

JUDGE: SCHERER

NIKOLAS CRUZ
Defendant.

AMENDED MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE (D-110)

The Defendant, Nikolas Cruz, by and through his undersigned attorneys, pursuant to Rule 3.190(f), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, sections 9, 16, 17 and 22 of the Florida Constitution, and moves this Honorable Court for a continuance of the trial in this case.

I. INTRODUCTION

At the outset, this Court appeared to recognize the enormity of this case:

Mr. Cruz is charged with *seventeen separate counts* of First Degree Murder, and is facing the death penalty on each of the seventeen counts. Mr. Cruz is also charged with *an additional seventeen separate counts* of Attempted First Degree Murder, each punishable by up to LIFE in prison. The indictment names thirty four separate victims. In consideration of the specific facts of this case, the Court finds that this is not a typical felony case, nor even a typical capital felony case.

(Exhibit 1, Court's 4/23/2018 Order on Defendant's Motion for Court Review of Clerk's Determination of Non-Indigency) (emphasis in original). Nonetheless, this Court has set the trial to begin on January 27, 2020, less than two years after the Mr. Cruz was arrested, and only 20 months after the State produced its initial discovery submission. This period of preparation time is significantly shorter than even the "typical capital felony case" and