IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Plaintiff,			
VS.		CASE NO.:	2012-001083-CFA
GEORGE ZIMMERMAN,			
Defendant.	/		

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO CONTINUE

COMES NOW the Defendant, GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, by and through his undersigned counsel, and hereby files this his Motion to Continue, and as grounds therefore states as follows:

- 1. The case is presently set for trial during the trial period beginning June 10, 2013 before the Honorable Debra Nelson.
- 2. That Mr. Zimmerman is charged with the offense of second degree murder based upon an event that happened on February 26, 2012 which resulted in the death of Trayvon Martin.
- 3. The State has recently released a partial report from a purported expert in the field of speech identification.
- 4. While this expert, Dr. Alan Reich was disclosed in appropriate time, his partial report was forwarded to defense counsel on evening hours of Friday, May 10, 2013.
- 5. That this report suggests that Dr. Reich has accomplished 'speech' identification, which is a different area of wholly different area of inquiry than the experts addressing 'speaker' identification. While these areas seem, to the layman, to be similar, they are, by the accounts of all the experts attending to these areas, to be specific and different areas of inquiry.
- 6. This area of inquiry will require defense counsel to investigate not only the legitimacy of this area of inquiry, which has been in disrepute, but also to identify whether or not Dr. Reich has

the background experience and abilities to undertake the evaluation he suggests that he has done. This will also require defense counsel to find, consult with and hire an additional expert in this regard.

- 7. There are less than three weeks until the planned jury selection in this matter. The defense counsel will not have enough time to direct this new matter between now and the time of trial.
- 8. In addition, undersigned counsel has recently received information, as more specifically addressed in the Motion for Sanctions Against State Attorney's Office for Discovery Violations and Request for Judicial Inquiry Into Violations, that the State has been in possession of certain exculpatory information, including but not limited to extraction reports from Trayvon Martin's cell phone, which they have had for several weeks and have failed to turn over to defense counsel.
- 9. Based on this new information, additional time is necessary for inquiry into this failure to disclose, and the information will then need to be reviewed by counsel to determine what additional work must be done to prepare for trial

WHEREFORE the Defendant respectfully requests this Honorable Court to enter an Order continuing the trial in this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of May, 2013.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by Facsimile/E-Mail this 23rd day of May, 2013 to:

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