

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

LATOYA FRANKLIN COOPER,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANDREW SMITH,

Defendant.

ORDER

05-C-616-C

Before the court is an April 14, 2006 joint motion to extend the dispositive motion deadline from May 12, 2006 to June 16, 2006 because plaintiff's attorney's schedule does not allow the taking of depositions before May 16, 2006. *See* dkt. 8.

Plaintiff filed this lawsuit on October 20, 2005, arising out of alleged misdeeds on March 28, 2004. Defendant answered on November 7, 2005. In the parties' joint report to the court, submitted November 30, 2005, they suggested that discovery end in August 2006, with defendant moving for summary judgment after discovery was complete. At the December 7, 2005 preliminary pretrial conference, I set the trial for this case nine months out (on September 11, 2006), with summary judgment motions due four months earlier, by May 12, 2006. This was all routine and predictable.

Therefore, it is unconvincing for the parties to alert the court four months after learning the schedule that they haven't yet taken depositions and won't have enough time in the next four weeks to do so. This court is notorious for its firm, quick deadlines and counsel should have planned accordingly. Even if the court were more sympathetic to

counsel's situation, the calendar does not have any extra breathing room that would allow me to accommodate this request.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the joint motion for a motion deadline extension is DENIED.

Entered this 17th day of April, 2006.

BY THE COURT:
/s/
STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge