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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

In the matter of

CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF GRAND  
JURIES, PETIT JURIES AND OTHER  
COURT OPERATIONS IN THE DISTRICT  
OF ARIZONA IN RESPONSE TO  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

GENERAL ORDER 20-20

Pursuant to General Order 20-12, filed on March 16, 2020, grand jury proceedings were suspended through April 17, 2020, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. In light of the continuing pandemic and orders issued by federal and state officials, IT IS ORDERED extending the temporary suspension of grand jury proceedings in this district through June 1, 2020. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), if any individual is charged in this district with a felony during this period when the grand jury is not in session, the period of time for presenting the case to the grand jury shall be extended an additional 30 days from the indictment deadline. In addition, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), for any cases that would have required presentment to the grand jury during the period when the grand jury will not be in session under this order, the period for presenting the case to the grand jury shall be extended 30 days from the indictment deadline. The time periods implemented by this General Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act. The Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering the continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial. Any motion by a criminal defendant seeking an exception to this order in order to exercise that right should be directed to the Magistrate Judge assigned to the matter.

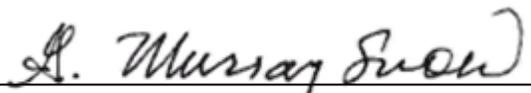
1 Further, pursuant to General Order 20-15, filed on March 20, 2020, all civil and  
2 criminal jury trials scheduled to commence on or before June 1, 2020, are continued  
3 pending further order of the Court. All trial-specific deadlines in criminal cases scheduled  
4 to begin on or before June 1, 2020, are continued pending further order of the Court.

5 Due to the Court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors and the  
6 effect of the public health recommendations on the availability of counsel and Court staff,  
7 the period of the continuances implemented by this General Order will be excluded under  
8 the Speedy Trial Act. The Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by  
9 ordering the continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's  
10 right to speedy trial, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Any motion by a criminal  
11 defendant seeking an exception to this order in order to exercise a speedy trial right should  
12 be directed to the District Judge assigned to the matter. Absent further order of the Court,  
13 the period of the exclusion shall be from March 16, 2020, through June 1, 2020.

14 Individual judges may continue trial-specific deadlines in civil cases at their  
15 discretion.

16 The temporary closures of the public Customer Service counters in the Clerk's  
17 Offices in Phoenix, Tucson and Yuma will continue through May 29, 2020, absent further  
18 order of the Court.

19 DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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22 G. Murray Snow  
23 Chief United States District Judge  
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