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

In the matter of

CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF  
GRAND JURIES IN THE  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA IN RESPONSE TO  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

GENERAL ORDER 20-27

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease) outbreak remains a national public health emergency; the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Arizona continue to balance the various interests implicated by the COVID-19 public health emergency; General Orders 20-12 and 20-20 suspended and continued to suspend grand jury proceedings; and General Order 20-26 provided that grand jury proceedings in the Phoenix and Tucson Courthouses would not resume prior to June 16 in Phoenix and June 17 in Tucson subject to further postponement;

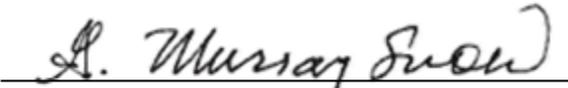
NOW THEREFORE, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona orders the following, effectively immediately:

Grand jury proceedings were unable to resume pursuant to adequate social distancing standards and other CDC protocols on June 16, 2020, in Phoenix and June 17, 2020, in Tucson. Further, it appeared after notice to grand jury members that no quorum could reasonably convene on those dates due to concerns related to the pandemic. All grand juries that were scheduled to convene in the District of Arizona are suspended until further order of the Court. Prior to the resumption of grand jury operations within the courthouse, the United States Attorney shall review with and receive the approval of the Court on how

1 to conduct such operations pursuant to adequate social distancing standards and other CDC  
2 protocols. The Court and the United States Attorney continue to work diligently to ensure  
3 grand jury operations may safely resume as quickly as possible in light of changing  
4 conditions posed by COVID-19 in Arizona.

5 The suspensions implemented by this and previous General Orders will be excluded  
6 under the Speedy Trial Act to the extent authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and  
7 3161(h)(7)(a). The Court specifically finds due to the conditions of the continuing  
8 pandemic in Arizona, the ends of justice served by ordering the continuances generally  
9 outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial. Any  
10 motion by a criminal defendant seeking an exception to this order in order to exercise that  
11 right should be directed to the Magistrate Judge assigned to the matter.

12 DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2020.

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15 G. Murray Snow  
16 Chief United States District Judge  
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