

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

In the matter of

SUSPENSION OF GRAND JURY
PROCEEDINGS EFFECTIVE
AUGUST 11, 2020

**MISCELLANEOUS
GENERAL ORDER 20-28**

In consideration of the factors outlined in Miscellaneous General Order 20-27 and to continue protecting the public safety and preventing the spread of COVID-19, the Court finds that it will be impractical to hold upcoming grand jury proceedings in a safe manner. Accordingly, all grand jury proceedings scheduled to occur before September 15, 2020, are continued pending further order of the Court. The Court will continue to actively monitor the situation and will recommence impaneling grand juries as soon as it is safe and practicable to do so.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), any case charged by complaint from July 22, 2020, to September 15, 2020, shall have an additional 30 days from the date of arrest for filing of the indictment. Due to health and safety concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus and the requirement of grand jurors to travel, sit in close proximity to one another, and interact with counsel and court staff, the Court finds that the resulting period of delay from July 22, 2020, through September 15, 2020, serves the ends of justice in a manner that outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Accordingly, the delay shall be excluded in computing the time within which an indictment must be filed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(i). Unless further delay is excluded by order of the Court, the government shall have a total of 60 days from the date of arrest or summons to file an indictment in any case charged by complaint from July 22, 2020, to September 15, 2020.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2020.

/s/ Timothy M. Burgess

Hon. Timothy M. Burgess
Chief United States District Judge

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