

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

In the matter of

SUSPENSION OF GRAND JURY  
PROCEEDINGS EFFECTIVE  
DECEMBER 7, 2020

**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL  
ORDER 20-39**

In consideration of the factors outlined in Miscellaneous General Order 20-38 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 December 17, 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 November 17, 2020, to December 17, 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 it contrary to the public interest to convene a grand jury between November 17, 2020, and December 17, 2020, and finds that it is therefore unreasonable to expect return and filing of an indictment within 30 days of an individual's arrest or service of a summons in connection with such charges that may have occurred during that time period. Accordingly, the Court finds that for purposes of the Speedy Trial Act, the resulting period of delay in bringing cases before the grand jury from November 17, 2020, through December 17, 2020, shall be tolled, and that this delay serves the ends of justice in a manner that outweighs the best interests 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)(iii). 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 criminal complaint from November 17, 2020, through December 17, 2020.

DATED this 7th day of December, 2020.

/s/ Timothy M. Burgess  
Hon. Timothy M. Burgess  
Chief United States District Judge

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