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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE)
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES) General Order No. 20-6
CREATED BY COVID-19)

GENERAL ORDER

This Order is being issued in the Eastern District of Oklahoma in response to the recent outbreak of the coronavirus known as COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National Emergency in response to COVID-19, which the World Health Organization has declared a pandemic. On March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared a public health emergency throughout the State. The U.S. Center for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and recommends social distancing to reduce exposure and slow the spread of COVID-19.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by that, effective immediately, all jury trials, grand jury sessions, and naturalization ceremonies scheduled to commence now through April 17, 2020, in the Ed Edmondson Federal Courthouse, are CONTINUED pending further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time period of any continuance entered through April 17, 2020, as a result of this Order shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), as the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial. The Court may extend the period of exclusion as circumstances may warrant.

The Court will vacate or amend this General Order no later than April 17, 2020.

It is so ordered this 16th day of March, 2020.



RONALD A. WHITE
CHIEF JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT