

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF  MARCH 2020 GRAND JURY SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA	<b>ORDER</b>  Public Administrative Order  No. 20-AO- <u>  2  </u> -P
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The Court takes judicial notice of the ongoing and increasing threat to the public health posed by the coronavirus. The Court has recently decided to suspend all jury trials until at least May 4, 2020. The same considerations that compelled the decision to suspend jury trials inform the Court's decision to cancel the March 2020 sessions of the grand jury for the Southern District of Iowa in any location where grand jury proceedings have not been conducted this month. The Court's prediction concerning the difficulty in assembling a grand or petit jury have been already realized, as reflected by telephone calls by grand jurors to the clerk of court and to the United States Attorney.

**IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THE COURT** that grand jury proceedings for the rest of March 2020 in the Southern District of Iowa are hereby canceled.

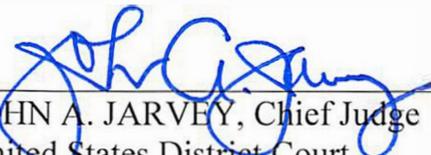
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in cases in which the defendant has been arrested based on a criminal complaint and the speedy trial clock has begun, the Court will grant a continuance to return an indictment until April 22, 2020, and will exclude time from March 16, 2020, to and including April 22, 2020 (the last day any grand jury is sitting in the district in April). The Court finds that the ends of justice served by such a



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continuance outweigh the best interests of the defendant in a speedy trial, and that the arrest of the defendant occurred “at a time such that it is unreasonable to expect return and filing of the indictment within” 30 days. See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7) (A) and (B)(iii).

**DATED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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JOHN A. JARVEY, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Iowa