IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF

ORDER

APRIL 2020 GRAND JURY SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

Public Administrative Order

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No. 20-AO- 7

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 April 2020 sessions of the grand jury for the Southern District of Iowa in all locations.

IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THE COURT that grand jury proceedings for the of April 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 May 28, 2020, and will exclude time from March 30, 2020, to and including May 28, 2020 (the last day any grand jury is sitting in the district in May). The Court finds that the ends of justice served by such a 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 ______ day of March, 2020.

JOH COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA



By: Clerk's Office, Southern District of Iowa 1:43 pm, Mar 31 2020