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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

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In re: COURT OPERATIONS DURING
THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
N.D. OF ALABAMA

GENERAL ORDER
No. 2020-09

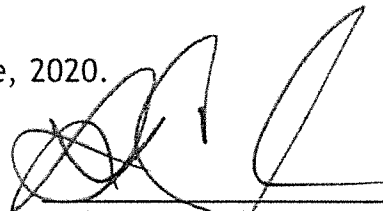
The Court originally entered a General Order on March 17, 2020 that, in part, provided that “[a]ll civil and criminal jury trials, and any other proceeding that requires jurors (grand or petit), are hereby continued pending further court order.”

After carefully considering the developing circumstances in the Northern District of Alabama as well as this Court’s successful experience empaneling a grand jury on June 15, it is appropriate for this Court to terminate the prohibition of conducting jury trials and grand jury proceedings in the courthouses of the Northern District of Alabama.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The prohibition of conducting jury trials and grand jury proceedings in the courthouses of the Northern District of Alabama originally entered on the 17th day of March, 2020, is terminated. The district and magistrate judges shall individually determine when it is appropriate to conduct such proceedings on a case by case basis. Each judge should be mindful of the health and safety of all participants in any such proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED on the 17th day of June, 2020.



L. Scott Coogler
Chief U.S. District Judge
Northern District of Alabama