

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

IN THE MATTER OF:
SUSPENDING GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS

20-MC-00004-42

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that the steadily rising number of COVID-19 cases in the State of New Mexico and surrounding areas has the potential to adversely affect those who enter any of the federal courthouses within the District of New Mexico.

WHEREAS, the recent State of New Mexico Public Health Emergency Order dated November 13, 2020, authorized and approved by the Governor of New Mexico implementing travel restrictions and closing restaurants except for takeout orders, creates logistical challenges for grand jurors who live more than 100 miles from Albuquerque or Las Cruces from being able to report for jury duty.

WHEREAS, this Court has suspended all civil and criminal jury trials in the District of New Mexico through January 4, 2021, the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico has suspended all civil and criminal jury trials in the State Courts in New Mexico for the remainder of 2020, and the United States Districts Courts for the Districts of Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Kansas and West Texas have or will soon likewise suspend all civil and criminal jury trials for the remainder of 2020.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective immediately all grand jury proceedings in the District of New Mexico are **SUSPENDED** until January 4, 2021.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM P. JOHNSON
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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