

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	No. 22-mc-00001
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NEW ALBANY DIVISION COURT PROCEEDINGS)	GENERAL ORDER /
DURING CLOSURE OF LEE H. HAMILTON)	ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
FEDERAL BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE)	2022-12
)	

GENERAL ORDER

On or about April 17, 2022, the basement of the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at New Albany, Indiana, experienced a significant flood, which destroyed much of the building's critical infrastructure, including its electrical system. The General Services Administration has therefore closed the New Albany courthouse until further notice, which precludes the Court from holding any proceedings in the building. As a result, proceedings normally held in the New Albany courthouse must be held in another courthouse within the district or continued as necessary. The Court may *sua sponte* order that the proceedings be conducted in another courthouse within the district or, with the consent of the parties, convert the proceedings to a virtual format.

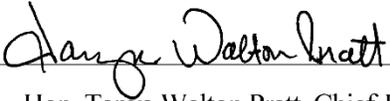
The Court will notify the public when the New Albany courthouse resumes operations and is available to conduct court proceedings.

If a party to a case currently pending in the New Albany Division requires a continuance of a matter, the party must file a motion so requesting. In criminal cases, the party's motion must set forth the unavailability of the New Albany courthouse or any other particularized circumstances that support a finding that the ends of justice served by the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3161 (h)(7)(A). Should

the court find that a continuance serves the ends of justice and that the continuance outweighs the interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, the period of delay occasioned by the continuance will be excludable under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161 *et seq.*

For the Court,

Dated: May 25, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tanya Walton Pratt", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Tanya Walton Pratt, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana