

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (June 5, 2020): Following a June 4, 2020, meeting of the district judges, the Honorable Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, today issued a General Order that supersedes previous General Orders, to the extent that they conflict, issued in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, and specifically within the Southern District of Indiana.

Please read the [General Order](#) for specific details. This order allows for the resumption in all divisions of limited in-person criminal proceedings, effective June 15, 2020. All four federal courthouses in the Southern District of Indiana remain closed to the public. The public may access these proceedings by telephone as set forth by Order in each case. Individuals who are necessary participants in any in-person proceeding will be permitted entry into the courthouse for these proceedings and will be subject to the screening and other requirements set forth in General Orders issued on [March 20, 2020](#), and [May 20, 2020](#), and any other General Orders issued by the Court.

Jury trials remain continued through and including at least July 20, 2020, and naturalization ceremonies are cancelled through and including at least July 6, 2020. The Central Violations Bureau dockets in all divisions are continued through at least September 1, 2020. Payments will continue to be processed via pay.gov.

Court staff necessary to support the resumption of limited in-person proceedings will return to the courthouse on an as-needed basis. The Court continues to conduct initial appearance hearings and detention hearings via video teleconference technology, and defendants who wish to do so may still have plea and sentencing hearings conducted via video teleconference. Civil proceedings are still being conducted remotely as well, including settlement conferences and discovery conferences. Court staff continue to docket filings, process incoming mail, and tend to the myriad other daily duties of the Court.

Limitations on operations do not affect the supervision of defendants and offenders in the community. The U.S. Probation Office will continue its efforts to monitor and/or enforce Court-ordered conditions of release throughout the Southern District of Indiana.

The Court continues to work closely with the United States Marshals Service, U.S. Attorney's Office, Indiana Federal Community Defenders, Inc., and other agencies to ensure that criminal defendants are detained or released as appropriate in each case, and that federal warrants are served as ordered by the Court.

The Court has created a [COVID-19 response page on its website](#) that contains all orders, press releases, and other information regarding Court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any orders and information pertinent to Bankruptcy Court matters, including meetings of creditors, can be viewed on that Court's website, www.insb.uscourts.gov.

Please monitor the Court's website, www.insd.uscourts.gov for updates.