

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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**ORDER EXTENDING ORDER RELATING TO ENTRY INTO
THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE AUSTIN, TEXAS**

In order to protect public health, and in recognition of the national emergency that was declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, hereby renders the following order extending its April 3, 2020 Order Relating To Entry Into The United States Courthouse Austin, Texas:

IT IS ORDERED that the United States Courthouse, 501 W. 5th Street, Austin, Texas, will remain open for business, but access to the building will be restricted. Court Security will only permit access to the following persons:

- Persons who have been ordered to appear by any judge of the Western District of Texas, Austin Division;
- Persons who have been directed to appear by the United States Probation Office or by the United States Pretrial Services Office;
- Persons who have court business with the Office of the District Clerk, such as to file pleadings or make payments. Such persons will be allowed access only for this limited purpose and only on the first floor of the courthouse;
- Government employees who work in the courthouse and are authorized to appear by their employer;
- Contractors who are authorized to appear;
- United States Postal Service mail carriers, private mail carriers and private delivery services;
- Law-enforcement personnel;

- Credentialed courthouse press;
- Victims who are attending scheduled proceedings;
- A reasonable number of immediate family members of a defendant who is appearing for sentencing in a criminal proceeding; and
- Persons designated by the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas, or any United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for all criminal proceedings other than sentencings, no immediate family members of a defendant will be allowed access to the courthouse or courtroom.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons otherwise authorized to enter must pass the screening protocol that can be found in the “Order Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic” and the “Additional Order[s] Regarding Grand Jury Proceedings Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic” rendered on March 13, 2020, March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, respectively by Orlando L. Garcia, Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas. Those orders may be found at <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov>. No one will be permitted to enter in violation of that protocol.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this Order shall be effective immediately and through May 31, 2020, unless extended by supplemental order.

SIGNED this 27th day of April, 2020.



LEE YEAKEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



ROBERT PITMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE