

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

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
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CORONA VIRUS/COVID-19 PANDEMIC §

EL PASO DIVISION  
NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL  
STANDING ORDER NO. 002

**ORDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO COURTHOUSE**

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, El Paso Division, hereby issues the following order:

The Albert Armendariz Sr. United States Courthouse, 525 Magoffin Avenue, El Paso, 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, El Paso 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 (to file pleadings, make payments, etc.). Such persons will be allowed access only for the 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;
- Grand Jurors, for emergency matters, as authorized by the Supplemental Order Regarding Court Operations (entered by Chief Judge Orlando L. Garcia on May 8, 2020);
- Victims who are attending scheduled proceedings; 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.

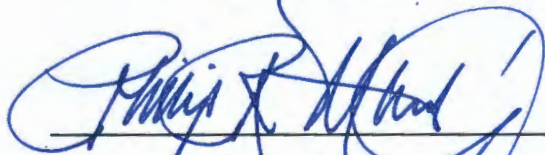
Persons otherwise authorized to enter must pass the screening protocol that can be found in the “Additional Order Regarding Grand Jury Proceedings Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic” and the “Tenth Supplemental Order Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic” entered on March 16, 2020, May 8, 2020, June 18, 2020, July 2, 2020, August 6, 2020, September 21, 2020, October 14, 2020 and November 18, 2020 respectively, by Honorable Chief Judge Orlando L. Garcia, Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas. Orders can be found at <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov>. No one will be permitted to enter in violation of that protocol.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that no one will be permitted to enter the Courthouse without wearing a mask THAT COVERS THE PERSON'S NOSE AND MOUTH or appropriate facial covering determined adequate by Court Security, and all individuals authorized to enter must abide by social-distancing protocols and instructions directed by Court Security.

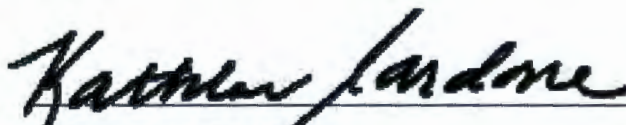
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any person seeking entry into the courthouse, shall have their temperature checked using a contactless thermometer kiosk. A person with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, will not be permitted to enter the courthouse.

This El Paso Division Ninth Supplemental Standing Order No. 002 shall be effective immediately and until **DECEMBER 31, 2020**, unless extended by supplemental order.

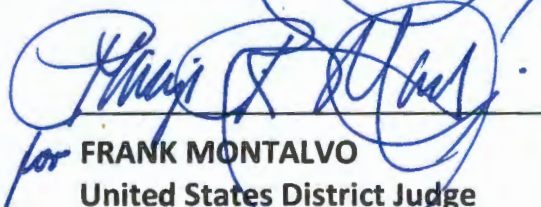
**SO ORDERED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020.



**PHILIP R. MARTINEZ**  
United States District Judge

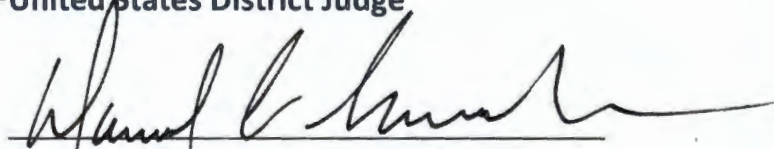


**KATHLEEN CARDONE**  
United States District Judge

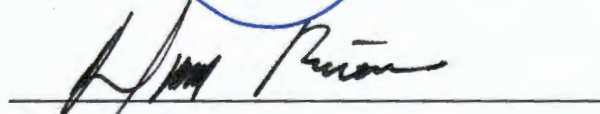


for

**FRANK MONTALVO**  
United States District Judge



**DAVID GUADERRAMA**  
United States District Judge



**DAVID BRIONES**  
Senior United States District Judge