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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
EAST. DIV. COLUMBUS

In Re:

ORDER RESCINDING ORDER REGARDING :
SERVICE OF PROCESS BY CERTIFIED : **GENERAL ORDER NO. 22-20**
MAIL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC :

The Court issued General Order 22-39 as one in a series of General Orders, in response to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in the Southern District of Ohio and elsewhere. Given the nature of transmission of COVID-19, the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) had implemented temporary modifications to its mail handling procedures for mail that requires customer signatures, including certified mail. As COVID-19 cases resulting in serious illness and death have decreased throughout the country, these modifications under which USPS mail carriers did not obtain a signature of the certified mail recipient, but instead made certain notations reflecting confirmation of delivery, are no longer in effect.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that service of process may no longer be evidenced by delivery of certified mail or express mail by the USPS by notations of “COVID,” “COVID-19” on the receipt or confirmation of delivery. Service in this manner shall no longer be deemed perfected. As stated in Local Rule 4.2, however, “the Court prefers parties to use the methods of service provided in Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 before using certified mail service under Ohio law.” S.D. Ohio Civ. R. 4.2.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that General Order 20-39 is **RESCINDED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 22, 2022



ALGENON L. MARBLEY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE