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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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

**In Re:**

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE POTTER STEWART COURTHOUSE** : **GENERAL ORDER 20-12**  
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The Court was informed by the General Services Administration that a Physical Security Officer (“PSO”) employed by the Federal Protective Service, who had responsibilities for the Potter Stewart Courthouse, has tested positive for COVID-19. The PSO last worked in the Potter Stewart Courthouse during the morning shift of Sunday, April 19, 2020. The PSO became symptomatic Sunday evening and was later diagnosed as positive. It is further understood that his duties included, but were not limited to, that of a rover, indicating that he had responsibility for all of the public areas in the Potter Stewart Courthouse, including all floors, the CSO stations, the guard shack, and the snack bar. In effect, the PSO’s responsibilities were such that he could have come into contact with Court employees throughout the Courthouse.

In order to ensure the health and safety of the judicial officers, Court and agency staff, and to prevent possible exposure to the COVID-19 virus, and the spread of said disease, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Potter Stewart Courthouse is hereby closed pending further Order of this Court. The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to work with all potentially affected employees to ensure their ongoing health and safety and to try to maintain continuity of operations remotely while the Courthouse remains closed. The Clerk is further directed to work with the General Services Administration and other federal agencies with operations in the building to consider future steps, including determining when it is safe to reoccupy the building.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED: April 22, 2020**

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Algenon L. Marbley", is written above a horizontal line.

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**ALGENON L. MARBLEY  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**