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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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

In Re:

**COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE  
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
CREATED BY COVID-19 WITH RESPECT  
TO VIDEO TELECONFERENCING FOR  
CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 23-02**


This Court issues this General Order, as one in a series of General Orders, in response to the ongoing spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in the Southern District of Ohio and elsewhere. There have been approximately one hundred four million, three hundred forty-eight thousand, seven hundred forty-six confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the United States, more than three million, four hundred thirty-one thousand, nine hundred eighty-seven total cases across Ohio, and of that total, over one million, seven hundred forty-seven thousand cases in the Southern District of Ohio, with seats of Court in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton. On March 13, 2020, the President declared a National Emergency relating to COVID-19, on the basis of which certain video and teleconferencing technologies were permitted in criminal proceedings under the CARES Act. On April 10, 2023, President Biden signed a law (H.J. Res. 7) terminating the National Emergency relating to COVID-19. As a result, the authority to use video and teleconferencing technologies in certain criminal proceedings under § 15002(b) of the CARES Act will expire on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Thereafter, Courts of the Southern District of Ohio will return to pre-pandemic practices and may use video or teleconferencing technologies only pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or any relevant statutes that applied before the CARES Act. Accordingly, the procedures outlined in General Orders 20-07, 20-18, 20-

26, 20-35, 21-05, 21-12, 21-19, 21-23, 22-06, 22-14, 22-18, 22-21, and 23-01 authorizing the use of video and teleconferencing technologies in criminal proceedings are rescinded.

The end of the national emergency declaration does not immediately affect the use of teleconferencing technology to provide remote audio-only public access to civil and bankruptcy proceedings, which may continue at this time pursuant to the temporary exception to the Judicial Conference broadcasting policy.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED: April 24, 2023**

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