

GENERAL ORDER 20-09

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

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION
OF PRIOR GENERAL ORDERS

The District Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas met by video-conference on this date with all District Judges being present. The Court reviewed the following General Orders, and took the following unanimous action, which General Orders had been recently adopted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. General Order 20-03, entitled: “Court Operations Under Exigent Circumstances Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic”, is **MODIFIED** as follows: Unless subsequently extended by order of this Court, this general order (General Order 20-03) shall terminate at 11:59 pm on May 31, 2020; and further during the month of May 2020, the Grand Jury for this District shall be authorized to convene and meet for one day in Tyler, Texas on May 20th, 2020; however, unless subsequently authorized other proceedings of the Grand Jury shall be continued during the application and effect of this general order.
2. General Order 20-04, entitled: “Targeted Visitor Restrictions” shall be extended and/or is modified so that its termination shall occur at 11:59 pm on May 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended by subsequent general order of this Court.

3. General Order 20-05, entitled: “General Order Regarding District Court Procedure For Parties Not Represented By An Attorney” shall be extended and/or is modified so that its termination shall occur at 11:59 pm on May 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended by subsequent general order of this Court.

4. General Order 20-06, entitled: “General Order Regarding Emergency Procedures Authorized By The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act, H.R. 748, P. L. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281, (CARES Act) Including The Use of Video And Telephone Conference For Various Criminal Events During The COVID-19 Emergency” shall be extended and/or is modified so that its termination shall occur at 11:59 pm on May 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended by subsequent general order of this Court.

5. General Order 20-07, entitled: “General Order Regarding Written Waivers Of Personal Appearances Under The CARES Act” shall be extended and/or is modified so that its termination shall occur at 11:59 pm on May 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended by subsequent general order of this Court.

FOR THE COURT:

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 22nd day of April, 2020.



RODNEY GILSTRAP
CHIEF JUDGE