UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS VICTORIA DIVISION By Deputy Clerk

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IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS IN THE VICTORIA DIVISION UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SPECIAL ORDER v-2021-09

United States District Court Southern District of Texas ENTERED November 30, 2021

ORDER

Effective immediately, the wearing of masks is optional for all who enter the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building located at 312 S. Main Street in Victoria, Texas, including both those who work in the building and members of the public. Anyone entering the courthouse who has not been vaccinated against coronavirus is encouraged to wear a mask.

There is just one exception: pursuant to the official district-wide policy of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, all courthouse employees who work with venire panels and jurors will be both vaccinated and masked.

This order remains in effect until the court orders otherwise.

Signed on the <u>30th</u> day of November, 2021.

Drew B. Tipton United States District Judge