## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

## Suspension of Standing Order 1.93 in Lake Charles Division

Standing Order 1.93 of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana allows the public to bring "electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, laptops, and tablets" into any courthouse within the district subject to certain restrictions. The Standing Order also provides that the order may be suspended or modified "in the event the Court, the U.S. Marshals Service, or another federal agency declares a need for a heightened level of security at any courthouse of the Western District of Louisiana."

In light of recent incidents involving the unauthorized use of electronic devices at the Edwin F. Hunter, Jr. Federal Courthouse, the judge of the Lake Charles Division of the Western District of Louisiana has determined that a heightened level of security is required at the Edwin F. Hunter, Jr. Federal Courthouse with respect to electronic devices. He therefore orders that SO 1.93 be suspended solely with respect the Edwin F. Hunter, Jr. Federal Courthouse until this Order is revoked.

Accordingly, effective September 9th, 2022, no cell phones or other electronic devices shall be brought into the Edwin F. Hunter, Jr. Federal Courthouse by the public with the exception of lawyers appearing in cases before the Court, jurors, and sworn law enforcement officers. Exceptions to this rule may be made on a case-by-case basis by the presiding judge.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers on this 9th day of September, 2022.

JAMES D. CAIN, JR. **UNITED STATE DISTRICT JUDGE**