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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

JULIA C. BUDLEY, CLERK
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IN THE MATTER OF:

DANVILLE DIVISION CRIMINAL
HEARINGS AND TRIALS

STANDING ORDER 2022-09

In 2021, the United States Marshal for the Western District of Virginia noted security concerns with the Danville federal courthouse and recommended limiting court proceedings in the Danville courthouse posing a security risk. As a result, the court issued Standing Order 2021-10 limiting court proceedings in the Danville courthouse on May 13, 2021.

Over the course of the last year, the court has had occasion to consider changes to this standing order to ameliorate logistical issues, including those regarding juror travel. In this regard, the court has benefited from the advice and counsel of the Clerk of Court, the United States Marshal, and District Judge Thomas T. Cullen, who is principally responsible for the Danville Division docket. Based on this collaboration, the court will require the following measures until appropriate security upgrades are made to the Danville federal courthouse or adequate alternative accommodations are obtained in the Danville area.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Standing Order 2021-10 is **VACATED**.
2. Criminal proceedings involving defendants or witnesses who are in custody will not be held in the Danville federal courthouse.

3. Criminal proceedings involving noncustodial defendants and witnesses may be held in the Danville federal courthouse in the discretion of the presiding judge after consultation with the Marshal.
4. The presiding judge will consult with the Marshal regarding holding proceedings in Danville in high profile civil cases during which security may be a concern.
5. Hearings and trials in criminal cases involving custodial defendants or witnesses arising from Henry County, Patrick County, and the City of Martinsville will be heard in the Roanoke federal courthouse.
6. Hearings and trials in criminal cases involving custodial defendants or witnesses arising from Charlotte County, Halifax County, Pittsylvania County, and the City of Danville will be heard in the Lynchburg federal courthouse.
7. Because of concerns over the burden on jurors having to travel from the Danville Division to trials conducted in the Roanoke or Lynchburg courthouses and the requirements of the court's Jury Selection Plan, the presiding judge has the discretion to summons jurors from the Roanoke or Danville Division Qualified Jury Wheels for cases to be tried in Roanoke, and from the Lynchburg or Danville Division Qualified Jury Wheels for cases to be tried in Lynchburg.
8. Large criminal cases involving multiple defendants may be tried in the Ceremonial Courtroom in Roanoke in the discretion of the presiding judge.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Enter: This 18th day of April, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Urbanski', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael F. Urbanski
Chief United States District Judge