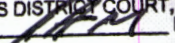


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
21-SO-6

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IN RE:)
VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR)
CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS UNDER)
THE CARES ACT AND IN LIGHT OF)
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

SUPPLEMENTAL
STANDING ORDER

On March 31, 2020, as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, the Honorable Terrence W. Boyle authorized the use of video and telephone conferencing for various criminal hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic. *See* Standing Order 20-SO-7. On June 29, 2020, July 13, 2020, September 17, 2020, and December 8, 2020, Judge Boyle issued Standing Orders 20-SO-9, 20-SO-9-1, 20-SO-11, and 20-SO-13 respectively, extending this authorization for an additional ninety days.

On March 8, 2021, I, as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, extended the authorization for an additional ninety days. *See* Standing Order 21-SO-3. As Chief Judge, and pursuant to § 15002(b)(3)(B) of the CARES Act, I have reviewed the authorization and have determined to extend it for an additional ninety days.

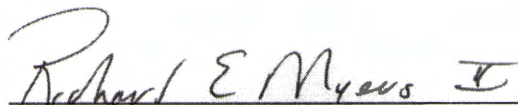
Accordingly, pursuant to § 15002(b)(1) of the CARES Act, I hereby extend the authorization for the use in this district of video teleconferencing, or telephonic conference if videoconferencing is not reasonably available, for all events listed in Section 15002(b)(1)(A)-(J) of the Act. Such proceedings may be conducted via video or telephone conference only with the consent of the defendant or juvenile after consultation with counsel.

Pursuant to Section 15002(b)(2) of the CARES Act, I further find that felony pleas under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and felony sentencings under Rule 32 of the

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure cannot in some cases in this district be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. Accordingly, if a judge in an individual case finds for specific reasons that a felony plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice, the judge may, with the consent of the defendant after consultation with counsel, use video conferencing, or teleconferencing if video conferencing is not reasonably available, for the felony plea or sentencing in that case. Judges may also use this authority for equivalent events in juvenile cases as described in Section 15002(b)(2)(B).

Pursuant to Section 15002(b)(3) of the CARES Act, this authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of: (1) the date I, as Chief Judge, determine the authorization is no longer warranted; (2) the date on which emergency authority by the Judicial Conference is terminated; (3) the date the authorization has been terminated pursuant to Section 15002(b)(5)(A) of the Cares Act; or (4) ninety days from the date of this order. If this authorization has not been terminated before ninety days from the date of this order, I will continue to review this authorization and determine whether to extend it, in a frequency not to exceed ninety days.

SO ORDERED this 13th day of June, 2021.



RICHARD E. MYERS II
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE