

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

IN RE:
GRAND JURY OPERATIONS

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MISC. NO. 00-308

STANDING ORDER 2020-23

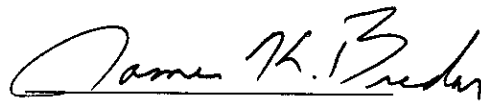
On November 11, 2020, this Court entered Standing Order 2020-20 significantly reducing operations in response to worsening COVID-19 virus data, effective November 16, 2020. Subsequently, the Court extended the terms of that Order through January 15, 2021 in Standing Order 2020-21. Nevertheless, the Court has endeavored to maintain limited grand jury operations even while all other in-court proceedings are suspended. However, in light of continued deterioration in local virus data, the Court now finds it appropriate to fully suspend grand jury meetings. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that all grand jury meetings now scheduled to occur from December 18, 2020 through January 18, 2021, are SUSPENDED; and it is further

ORDERED that due to the unavailability of a grand jury in this District, the 30-day time period for filing an indictment or an information is TOLLED as to each defendant during the time period December 18, 2020 through January 18, 2021, in alignment with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b); and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be vacated or extended as circumstances warrant.

Date: *Dec 9, 2020*



James K. Bredar
Chief Judge