

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: SUSPENSION OF JULY 2020)
CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS)

G.O. 20-18

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ORDER

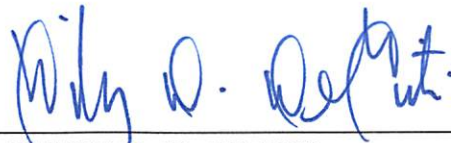
On June 10, 2020, the Court issued G.O. 20-17. That order notified the bar that the Court would conduct limited criminal jury trials in July 2020. In the last week, however, new cases of COVID-19 have increased dramatically, with 858 new cases reported on July 7, 2020. In light of the surge of new cases, the Court has determined to continue the limited criminal jury trials set on the July 2020 docket, to be reset by the respective presiding judges. The presiding judges will also address trial-related deadlines. This order also continues all criminal cases on the July 2020 docket to the extent such cases were not previously continued by the presiding judge. In issuing this order, the Court finds:

1. As of July 7, 2020, the Oklahoma State Department of Health has identified 17,220 positive cases of COVID-19 and the majority of these cases are in the Western District of Oklahoma. 2,937 new cases have been identified since July 1, 2020.
2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to recommend against large indoor gatherings.
3. The Governor of the State of Oklahoma has issued an Executive Order stating that persons over the age of 65 or with underlying health conditions should stay home, which has the potential to affect the Court's ability to obtain a fair cross-section of

the public for jury service in light of the current surge in COVID-19 cases. *Amended Executive Order 2020-20* at 4 ¶ 13 (June 12, 2020).

4. The Governor's Executive Order may also affect the availability of counsel, witnesses, and court staff.
5. Therefore, the period of delay resulting from continuances implemented as a result of this order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, as the Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and each defendant to a speedy trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

ENTERED for the Court this 7th day of July, 2020.



TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI
Chief United States District Judge