

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

PATRICK WOOD CRUSIUS

Defendant.

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EP-20-CR-00389-DCG

ORDER RESETTING DOCKET CALL

On this day, the Court *sua sponte* considered the above-captioned case. In light of the President’s declaration of a national emergency due to COVID-19 and Chief Judge Orlando Garcia’s “Order[s] Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic,” dated March 13,¹ March 16,² April 15,³ May 8,⁴ and June 18, 2020,⁵ the Court believes that the currently scheduled docket call on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., *see* “Order Resetting Docket Call” (ECF No. 79), must be vacated and reset for Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

Considering the facts and findings in Chief Judge Orlando Garcia’s March 13, March 16, April 15, May 8, and June 18 Orders, the Court also concludes that the time period of the

¹ Available online at: <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Order-Re-COVID-19.pdf>.

² Available online at: <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ORDER-re-Grand-Jury-Proceedings-031620.pdf>.

³ Available online at: <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SupplementalOrderCOVID19-041520.pdf>.

⁴ Available online at: <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SupplementalOrderCOVID19%20050820.pdf>.

⁵ Available online at: <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SupplementalOrderCOVID061820.pdf>.

continuances implemented by this Order must be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(7)(A). Specifically, the Court believes that the ends of justice are best served by continuing the proceedings because of the exigent circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic. These exigent circumstances include the severity of the risk to those who would otherwise be required to work in close quarters absent a continuance, and the public-health matters that weigh in favor of reducing the size of public gatherings and travel. Indeed, the Court finds that the best interests of the public are served by this continuance. Hence, the ends of justice outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the currently scheduled docket call on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., *see* Order Resetting Docket Call (ECF No. 79), is **VACATED**.

IT IS FURTHER that the above-captioned case **SHALL** be continued until the **Wednesday, October 7, 2020 DOCKET CALL at 2:00 p.m.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time period of the continuance implemented by this Order **SHALL** be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(7)(A).

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 26th day of June 2020.



DAVID C. GUADERRAMA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE