UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

In re: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY

Case No. 3:20-mc-5-J-32

ORDER CONCERNING PROTOCOLS IN THE BRYAN SIMPSON UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

This Order applies to the Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse in Jacksonville, Florida, and supplements and incorporates by reference the Order entered March 13, 2020 in Case No. 20-mc-20-T-24, IN RE: Restrictions on Visitors to the United States Courthouses in the Middle District of Florida, which is in place to protect health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I. Masks and Face Coverings

Effective immediately, under recommendations of public health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), each person over the age of two seeking entry into the Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse, including tenants of the building, must wear a mask or other face covering that covers the person's nose and mouth while in any public area of the building, including all elevators, unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, guard, or Court official.

Law enforcement officers, protective service officers, and court security officers working for the Federal Protective Service and the U.S. Marshals Service will enforce this Order and will deny entry to persons not wearing a mask or other face covering.

Any person seeking entry into the Courthouse without a mask or face covering should contact the office to be visited for assistance in determining what other arrangements or accommodations can be made to accomplish the business needs of the visitor without entry into the building. Court Security Officers may also contact the duty Magistrate Judge for assistance.

Notwithstanding these protocols, a Judge may determine that masks or face coverings need not be worn by some or all persons in a courtroom proceeding over which the Judge is presiding.

II. Elevators and Social Distancing

In accordance with CDC social distancing practices, persons in the courthouse should maintain a six foot distance from each other whenever possible. To accommodate this practice, no more than two persons may ride in the same elevator. If you have business at the courthouse, please plan your arrival to account for the additional time this restriction may cause. Persons are asked to be mindful of social distancing practices while standing in lines to enter the courthouse or to be seen in any office, and while sitting in any room, including courtrooms.

DONE AND ORDERED in Jacksonville, Florida this 16th day of June, 2020.

TIMOTHY J. CORRIGAN United States District Judge

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