

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
ENTERED

December 11 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk 

IN RE: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE §
REYNALDO G. GARZA – FILEMON B. VELA §
U.S. COURTHOUSE IN BROWNSVILLE, §
TEXAS UNDER THE EXIGENT §
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE §
COVID-19 PANDEMIC §

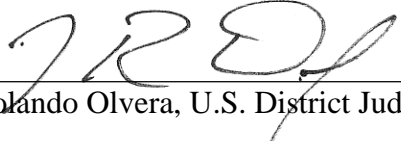
SPECIAL ORDER B-2020-10

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Cameron County and Willacy County has increased significantly over the past several weeks. In addition, the Court has been informed that over the past two weeks, several employees in the Reynaldo G. Garza–Filemon B. Vela U.S. Courthouse have tested positive for the illness. As a result, to protect the health and safety of the public, staff, and judicial officers from further exposure to or spread of the disease, with the concurrence of the Facility Security Committee, including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the U.S. Marshal, and in consultation with GSA, it is ORDERED that the Reynaldo G. Garza - Filemon B. Vela U.S. Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas will be closed to the public beginning December 14, 2020, until further notice. The Court will re-evaluate the need to extend public closure on a weekly basis.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas remains open for official business. The Court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system is not affected by the closure, and parties may continue to file electronically and email documents to the Clerk's Office pursuant to the Standing Orders and other instructions on the Court's website.

The Court's website is being updated regularly. Consult the Court's website for further guidance: www.txs.uscourts.gov.

Signed this 11th day of December, 2020.


Rolando Olvera, U.S. District Judge


Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., U.S. District Judge