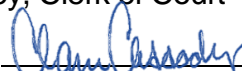


APR 2, 2020

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LAREDO DIVISION

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court
By Deputy Clerk 

IN RE: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF
THE GEORGE P. KAZEN FEDERAL
BUILDING AND UNITED STATES
COURTHOUSE

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SPECIAL ORDER L-2020-6

ORDER

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to protect the health and safety of the public, staff, and judicial officers from exposure to or spread of the virus, it is hereby ORDERED:

The George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Laredo, Texas will be closed to the public effective Monday, April 6, 2020 until further notice.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas remains open for official business. Filings will continue to be processed in bankruptcy, civil and criminal cases via the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (“CM/ECF”) system. For those without access to CM/ECF, documents may be submitted by mail, or in the event of emergency may be submitted by email to: Laredo_Operation@txs.uscourts.gov. All emergency filings must include an email address and phone number where the filer may be reached. Filings submitted by mail will be processed upon receipt after the courthouse reopens. Payments by attorneys utilizing the CM/ECF system will be processed via credit card utilizing Pay.gov. Payments by check or- money order will be

accepted by mail and will be processed upon receipt after the courthouse reopens. Cash payments will not be accepted during this period of exigent circumstances.

Any *pro se* litigant filing a case via mail should secure a check or money order and should submit it with his or her filing. Should the *pro se* litigant be unable to secure payment the Clerk's Office will send a notice directing payment be submitted after the courthouse reopens.

Although the building is closed to the public, the court is not closed. The court will continue to preside over initial appearances and any other magistrate court matters on a daily basis. Federal officers, federal employees, attorneys scheduled to appear in court and contractors who work in the building will not be restricted from entry.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 2nd day of April, 2020.



Diana Saldaña
United States District Judge



Marina Garcia Marmolejo
United States District Judge