UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

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§ § § United States District Court Southern District of Texas ENTERED June 1, 2021 Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court By Deputy Clerk

IN RE: MASK MANDATE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, MCALLEN DIVISION UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SPECIAL ORDER M-2021-4

As of June 1, 2021, the McAllen Division of the Southern District of Texas will resume regular operations. As such, to provide uniformity and in the interest of safety for those working in and coming to the United States Courthouse in the McAllen Division, everyone including employees, members of the public, jurors and prospective jurors, lawyers, litigants, contractors, family members, witnesses, and court observers are still required to wear masks in hallways and other public areas. Each presiding judicial officer may limit courtroom access. Additionally, masks inside courtrooms are at the discretion of each presiding judicial officer. The U.S. Marshals Service is authorized to exclude from the courthouse anyone who does not wear a mask in public areas. Those coming to the courthouse should provide their own masks but may be provided a mask upon entering.

Courthouse employees in the McAllen Division may not work with jury panels and juries unless they are vaccinated and masked.

This order remains in effect until the Court orders otherwise.

ORDERED this the 1st day of June 2021.

RICARDO H. HINOJOSA U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

RANDY CRANE

MICAELA ALVAREZ U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE