

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHER DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
VICTORIA DIVISION

United States District Court  
Southern District of Texas  
ENTERED

April 6, 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk 

IN RE: TEMPORARY PUBLIC ACCESS §  
RESTRICTIONS TO THE §  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT §  
VICTORIA DIVISION §

SPECIAL ORDER V-2020- 03

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:

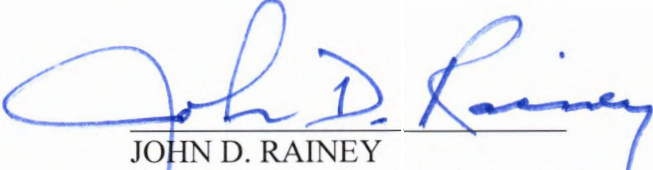
The United States District Court and related facilities located on the third and fourth floors of the Martin Luther King Jr Federal Building, 312 S. Main Street in Victoria, Texas will be closed to the public effective Tuesday, April 7, 2020 until further notice.

The Court remains open for official business. The Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/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, [www.txs.uscourts.gov](http://www.txs.uscourts.gov).

Although the Court facilities are closed to the public, the Court is not closed. Federal officers, federal employees, attorneys scheduled to appear in court, and contractors who work in the building will not be restricted from entry.

Although court hearings will be significantly minimized during this time, victims, family members, the public, and the press who desire to attend a court hearing will be permitted to do so telephonically by contacting the chambers of the presiding judge and obtaining call-in instructions on the morning of any such hearing.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
JOHN D. RAINEY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE