UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

United States District Court Southern District of Texas ENTERED January 20, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk

IN RE: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE \$ BOB CASEY UNITED STATES \$

COURTHOUSE DUE TO SEVERE § SPECIAL ORDER 2025-1

WEATHER §

Due to the extreme weather conditions in the Houston Metropolitan Area, and to protect the safety of the public, staff, and judicial officers, it is ORDERED that General Order 2025-2 Temporary Closure of Southern District of Texas Courthouses Due to Severe Weather, is extended for the Bob Casey United States Courthouse through Wednesday, January 22, 2025. The Bob Casey Courthouse will resume normal business hours on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Due to the court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors and due to the reduced availability of attorneys and court staff to be present in courtrooms because of the severe weather, the periods of the continuances implemented by this order are excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C § 3161 (h)(7)(A). The court finds that the ends of justice served by ordering these continuances outweigh the interest of the public and of each defendant in a speedy trial.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas remains open for official business through the Court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system. Parties may continue to file electronically, and remote hearings may be held at the discretion of the presiding judge.

Signed this 20th day of January 2025.

KEITH P. ELLISON U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE