## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-7

IN RE: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY

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## EIGHTH ORDER CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE CARES ACT

On March 28, 2020, acting under section 15002(b) of the CARES Act and the authority granted by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Court entered Administrative Order 2020-23 authorizing that certain criminal proceedings be conducted by video or audio conference under the CARES Act.

According to section 15002(b)(3)(A) of the CARES Act,

On the date that is 90 days after the date on which an authorization for the use of video teleconferencing or telephone conferencing under paragraph (1) or (2) is issued, if the emergency authority has not been terminated under paragraph (5), the chief judge of the district court (or, if the chief judge is unavailable, the most senior available active judge of the court or the chief judge or circuit justice of the circuit that includes the district court) to which the authorization applies shall review the authorization and determine whether to extend the authorization.

Id.

The Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and recognizes the need to assist in the preservation of public safety and health, while effectively administering justice. Having reviewed the authorization entered under Administrative Order 2021-74, it is hereby

## **ORDERED** that

- 1. Pursuant to the authority granted under section 15002(b)(1) of the CARES Act, I authorize judges in this District to use video conferencing, or telephonic conferencing if video conferencing is not reasonably available, in all criminal hearings for defendants on bond. The Court recognizes that the use of electronic proceedings may be impacted by U.S. Marshal staffing concerns; postponement of scheduled hearings with the consent of the defendant may occur, when necessary.
- 2. Notwithstanding the above, this Order does not alter the continuation of in-person jury

trials and all other in-person proceedings in this Court, subject to restrictions related to public health or social distancing measures in place for jurors, parties, witnesses, public, and court staff.

3. This authorization is effective for ninety (90) days unless earlier terminated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, according to the provisions of the CARES Act, this authority shall terminate on the last day of the covered period or the date on which the Judicial Conference of the United States finds that conditions due to the national emergency declared by the President under the National Emergencies Act with respect to the COVID-19 virus outbreak no longer materially affect the functioning of either the Federal courts generally or Courts within this District.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2022.

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: Honorable William H. Pryor, Jr., Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit All Southern District of Florida District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges and Magistrate Judges

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