

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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IN RE: SPEEDY TRIAL ACT

ORDER

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In response to the coronavirus emergency, on March 18, 2020, the court suspended all jury trials through May 18, 2020. The court has also rescheduled all in-person hearings until after May 18, 2020, subject to case-by-case exceptions justified by extraordinary circumstances. These actions affect the court's ability to provide a speedy trial in criminal cases, as required by the Speedy Trial Act, codified at 18 U.S.C. §3161.

The court finds that the need to protect the health and safety of defendants, their counsel, prosecutors, court staff, and the public requires the court to avoid in-person proceedings to the fullest extent possible. The court finds that the ends of justice served by taking this action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial.

Accordingly, the court orders that the period of any continuance entered from March 18, 2020, through May 18, 2020 shall be excluded in the calculation of Speedy Trial Act time limits, as provided in 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(7)(A).

Entered: March 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



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JAMES D. PETERSON  
Chief Judge