## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

## ORDER

## (Continuing May 7, 2020 Misdemeanor Docket)

On March 12, 2020, the Court entered General Order No. 2020-01 outlining certain measures taken in response to exigent circumstances created by the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Specifically, the General Order directed that beginning March 16, 2020, and continuing until April 30, 2020, all misdemeanor, traffic, and petty offense dockets in each division of the Court be continued to new dates. Thereafter, on April 10, 2020, the Court entered General Order No. 2020-12 which continues all in-person proceedings for misdemeanor, traffic, and petty offense dockets through June 10, 2020. After conferring with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the issuing authorities, the magistrate judge of the Richmond Division confirmed a new date for the affected docket. Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the General Orders, all matters set for the May 7, 2020 Richmond docket are CONTINUED to July 9, 2020.

The Court will attempt to mail notice of the new date to available addresses of parties and counsel. Defense counsel of record in any matter affected by the foregoing Order are directed to contact their clients to confirm the new date. Questions regarding the new dates should be directed to counsel of record, or in a case of unrepresented defendants, to numbers provided on the original charging documents, or to the magistrate courtroom deputy in the Clerk's Office.

Finally, Assistant United States Attorneys and Special Assistant United States Attorneys responsible for prosecuting the misdemeanor docket on the foregoing date shall promptly communicate to the affected issuing authorities and their law enforcement personnel not to issue citations for initial appearance on the affected docket date in May.

The Clerk is directed to distribute this Order to the United States Attorney's Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office, and the United States Probation Office. The Order shall also be posted on the court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Roderick C. Young United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: April 15, 2020 Richmond, Virginia