

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

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IN RE:
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency and the Governor of the State of Connecticut has declared a public health emergency throughout the State;

AND

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak, and has noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective immediately, that until further order of the Court:

- 1) All compliance review hearings are suspended until further order of the Court;
- 2) All attorney admission ceremonies are suspended until further order of the Court;
and
- 3) U.S. Probation will conduct interviews with defendants via videoconference; any defendant who prefers to be interviewed in person should file a motion to continue his or her sentencing for at least 30 days.

The District of Connecticut courthouses remain open for business. Staff in the Clerk's Office are available by telephone, mail will be received, and intake desks remain open for filings. Electronic filings may still be made through the CM/ECF system. The

public is encouraged to continue utilizing Court services while following all applicable public health guidelines.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: March 16, 2020
Bridgeport, CT

/s/ Stefan R. Underhill
Stefan R. Underhill
Chief United States District Judge