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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
20-SO-9

PETER A. M... JR., CLERK
US DISTRICT COURT, EDNC
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IN RE:)
VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR) STANDING ORDER
CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS UNDER)
THE CARES ACT AND IN LIGHT OF)
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

Congress has passed legislation authorizing the use of video and telephone conferencing, under certain circumstances and with the consent of the defendant, for various criminal case events during the course of the COVID-19 emergency. *See* CARES Act, H.R. 748, Pub. L. No. 116-136. The Judicial Conference of the United States has also found that emergency conditions due to the national emergency declared by the President have affected and will materially affect the functioning of the federal courts. COVID-19 exists within the Eastern District of North Carolina and continues sometimes to materially affect the transport of detainees or prisoners and the ability to conduct certain legal proceedings in person.

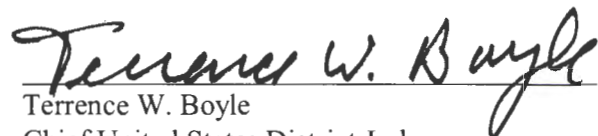
Accordingly, pursuant to the CARES Act, as Chief Judge on my own motion, I hereby authorize as follows:

Pursuant to Section 15002(b)(1) of the CARES Act, I hereby authorize in this district the use of video conferencing, or telephone conferencing if video conferencing is not reasonably available, for all events listed in Section 15002(b)(1)(A)-(J) of the Act. Such proceedings may be conducted via video or telephone conference only with the consent of the defendant or juvenile after consultation with counsel.

Pursuant to Section 15002(b)(3) of the legislation, this authorization will remain in effect for 90 days unless terminated earlier. If emergency conditions continue to exist 90 days from the entry

of this order, I will review this authorization and determine whether to extend it.

SO ORDERED, this 29 day of June, 2020.


Terrence W. Boyle
Chief United States District Judge