

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

In re Criminal Proceedings Conducted        )  
by Video Conference Before District        )  
Judge James Shadid                            )

**STANDING ORDER**

1. Except as provided in this Order, all felony pleas and sentencings (including revocation proceedings) before District Judge Shadid will be conducted in person and subject to COVID-19 restrictions. If, after consultation with the defendant, the defense requests to proceed by video conferencing, the defense must file a motion asking the Court to proceed by way of video conferencing. Such motion must: (1) indicate Defendant’s consent to proceeding by way of video conferencing and (2) state with particularity specific reasons why the plea or sentencing in this particular case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice. *See* CARES Act § 15002(b)(2)(A). Motions submitted by counsel that fail to meet the above requirements will be summarily denied, regardless of whether all parties consent to proceed by way of video conferencing. The Court will rule on such motions on a case-by-case basis.
2. For all felony pleas and sentencings scheduled to proceed by way of video conferencing prior to the entry of this Standing Order, the Court will ask defense counsel to provide the Court with reasons for proceeding by video before making findings on the record.
3. All criminal pretrial conferences will be conducted by video conferencing until further notice. If the parties in a particular case have a scheduled pretrial conference but simply wish to continue the matter and request new dates, counsel should file a motion at least

three (3) days prior to the scheduled hearing including the necessary language under the Speedy Trial Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed on this 19th day of November, 2020.

s/ James E. Shadid  
James E. Shadid  
United States District Judge