

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

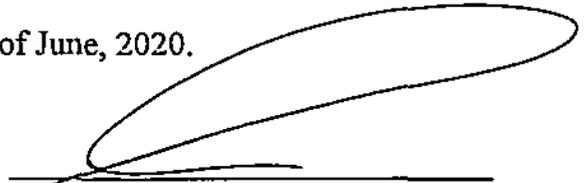
In the Matter of: )  
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The Temporary Reduction in the )  
Number of Members of Anchorage )  
Grand Jury Panels, )  
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PJ ORDER # 851

For several months grand juries have not been sitting because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Anchorage grand juries will resume on 1 June 2020. In order to lessen the risk of the spread of the virus the grand jury will no longer meet in either of the relatively small rooms that had previously been used. At the outset of the resumption the grand jury will be split and seated in two courtrooms, linked by Polycam video. After testing this arrangement and monitoring the comfort of the grand jurors, the grand jury may be seated in a single courtroom. However, in order to maintain the requisite social distancing between grand jurors, prosecutors, court staff, and witnesses, the grand jury will temporarily be reduced to panels of fourteen members. To return a true bill eight grand jurors must vote in favor of indictment.

Nunc pro tunc to 31 May 2020.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



William F. Morse  
Presiding Judge  
Third Judicial District

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