

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

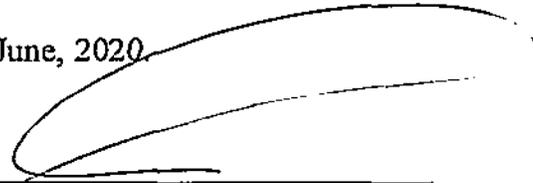
In the Matter of: )  
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The Temporary Reduction in the )  
Number of Members of Kenai and )  
Palmer Grand Jury Panels, )  
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PJ ORDER # 852

For several months grand juries have not been sitting because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Kenai and Palmer grand juries have recently resumed or will soon. In order to lessen the risk of the spread of the virus the grand jury will be required to practice social distancing. There is also some concern that fewer members of the public will be willing to serve as grand jurors despite implementation of preventative safety measures. 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



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William F. Morse  
Presiding Judge  
Third Judicial District

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