

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

<b>ORDER RE: JURY TRIALS/GRAND JURY IMPANELMENT PROHIBITED FROM COMMENCING FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19-23, 2020</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-13</b>
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Dane H. Watkins, Jr., Administrative District Judge of the Seventh Judicial District hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS on October 8, 2020, the Idaho Supreme Court issued its Amended Order entitled “In Re: Jury Trials,” the provisions of which govern the conduct of jury trials in Idaho (“Amended Jury Trial Order”); and,

WHEREAS on September 10, 2020 the Idaho Supreme Court issued a further Order regarding Jury Trials entitled “Re: Commencement of Jury Trials” (“Jury Trial Commencement Order”) that requires the Administrative District Judge to review the Cases by County page of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s COVID-19 Data Dashboard (at [www.coronavirus.idaho.gov](http://www.coronavirus.idaho.gov)) each week to determine if criminal jury trials may proceed for a particular county for a given week (Idaho Supreme Court report summarizing the Data Dashboard attached); and,

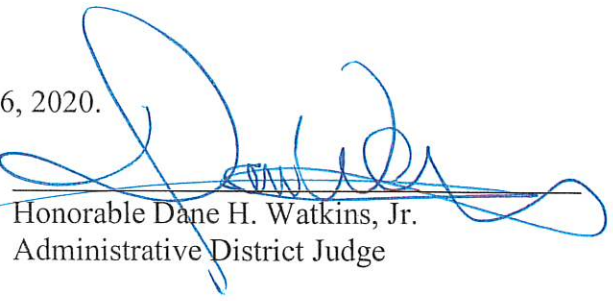
WHEREAS on September 16, 2020, the Idaho Supreme Court issued its Order entitled “RE: Grand Jury Proceedings,” the provisions of which govern the conduct of grand jury proceedings in Idaho (“Grand Jury Proceedings Order”), as amended on October 6, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to either paragraph 3(a) or 3(b) of the Jury Trial Commencement Order, and either paragraph 3(a) or 3(b) of the Grand Jury Proceedings Order, the Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Jr. finds that certain counties in the Seventh Judicial District currently meet the criteria set forth and described in said paragraphs, and either have an incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID 19 of 25.0 or greater per 100,000 population **OR** have an incidence rate of COVID-19 between 14.0 and 24.9 per 100,000 population and further that those counties have an upward trend as defined in both the Jury Trial Commencement Order and the Grand Jury Proceedings Order.;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the following Counties of the Seventh Judicial District SHALL NOT conduct jury trials nor grand jury impanelment proceedings for the week of October 19-23, 2020 and that any jury trial set to proceed during that time frame in those counties shall be vacated and reset and grand jury impanelment proceedings set for the same week shall be vacated and referred to the presiding judge for any further action.

Butte County, Idaho	Fremont County, Idaho
Bonneville County, Idaho	Jefferson County, Idaho
Clark County, Idaho	Lemhi County, Idaho
Custer County, Idaho	Madison County, Idaho
	Teton County, Idaho

This order shall be effective as of October 16, 2020.



Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Jr.  
Administrative District Judge

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