

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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**IN RE: CLOSING OF THE  
ROME DIVISION COURTHOUSE**

**GENERAL ORDER 20-02**

**ORDER**

The Court having been informed by the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia that a Court Security Officer in the Rome Division has been hospitalized with symptoms being treated as a presumptive positive for COVID-19; and

Having been further informed that said Court Security Officer was on duty in the Rome Courthouse throughout the week preceding his hospitalization and during that period was feeling ill; and

Having been informed it will be several days before COVID-19 can be confirmed as the illness; and

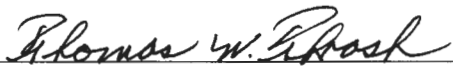
The duties of the Court Security Officer having brought him into direct contact with Court and agency staff throughout the courthouse as well as members of the public entering the courthouse; and

In order to ensure to the extent possible, the health and safety of judges, court and agency staff, and members of the public from further exposure to or

spread of the disease;

ORDERED, with the concurrence of Judge Harold L. Murphy, United States District Judge for the Rome Division, and with notification to the GSA Building Manager, the United States Courthouse and Federal Building for the Rome Division is closed until further notice.

Dated this 17 day of March 2020.

  
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**THOMAS W. THRASH, JR.**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**