IN THE TRIAL COURTS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

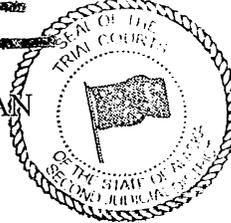|		
In the Matter of:	)	Presiding Judge
	)	Administrative Order No. 21-09
The Continuing Suspension of	)	(Updated 9/28/2021)
Grand Jury in Utqiagvik	)	
	)	

ORDER CONTINUING SUSPENSION OF GRAND JURY IN UTQIAGVIK

Utqiagvik continues to experience significantly high number of COVID-19 cases. The average daily case rate for the last 14 days per 100,000 residents of the borough is 345.8. The total number of cases over the last 7 days per 100,000 residents of the borough is 2,231.1[1]. The most recent hospital survey conducted by DHSS indicates 312 inpatient beds available across the state with 18 ICU beds available.[2] The local hospital does not provide an ICU unit. The 7-day test positivity rate is at 10 % with 803 tests given in the last week.[3] The local hospitals COVID numbers, available at https://arcticslope.org/press-release-urgent/, show 129 active cases in the region.

Given the serious risk level, and pursuant to the authority granted to the Presiding Judge by Special Order of the Chief Justice No. 8234, grand jury will continue to be suspended from September 30, 2021-October 15, 2021.[4] Rule 5 is tolled during this time.[5]

Dated at Kotzebue, Alaska this 28th day of September, 2021.

PAUL A. ROETMAN
Presiding Judge

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[1] Alaska Covid-19 Information Hub https://alaska-coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/
[2] AK Covid-19 Hospital Data Dashboard https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/f21f964c046c400baad4ad78e06ceb25/
[3] Id at 1
[4] Special Order of the Chief Justice No.8234 states, "The presiding judge may limit or suspend in-person grand jury proceedings for any district or location when required for public health or to comply with local health mandates."
[5] Pursuant to Supreme Court Order No. 1957