

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
<b>DISTRICT COURT OPERATIONS</b>	)	
<b>IN THE DIVISION OF ST. CROIX</b>	)	
<b>UNDER THE EXIGENT</b>	)	
<b>CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY</b>	)	<b>General Order</b>
<b>HURRICANE IRMA AND</b>	)	
<b>HURRICANE MARIA</b>	)	Miscellaneous No. 2017-0011
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**SECOND ORDER CONCERNING DISTRICT COURT OPERATIONS  
IN LIGHT OF HURRICANE IRMA AND HURRICANE MARIA**

UPON CONSIDERATION of the General Order promulgated on October 2, 2017, which continued until October 29, 2017 all civil and criminal matters in both the Divisions of St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John pending further Order of the Court, and in view of the continued closure of the St. Croix courthouse due to the extensive damage and destruction caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that all civil and criminal matters scheduled before Chief Judge Wilma A. Lewis and Magistrate Judge George W. Cannon, Jr. in the Division of St. Croix from October 30th through November 27th, 2017, including any deadlines associated therewith, are **CONTINUED** pending further Order of the Court; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, with regard to the criminal matters, due to the widespread disruption caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the time period of the continuances implemented by this Second General Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, as the Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering the continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A); and it is further

**ORDERED** that exceptions to the continuances provided herein may be ordered in individual cases, in the discretion of the Court after consultation with counsel, if the exigencies of a particular matter so require; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, while the District Court of the Virgin Islands remains closed in the St. Croix Division pending further notice, Court personnel are available by telephone from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm from Monday to Friday, by calling (340) 718-1130, to address matters arising in the St. Croix Division. Should there be a problem with contacting the St. Croix Office, the public may contact the St. Thomas Office at (340) 774-0640; and it is further

**ORDERED** that CM/ECF is available for the filing of documents.

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: October 27, 2017

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WILMA A. LEWIS  
Chief Judge