
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH

IN RE: Partial Sequestration of Grand
Jurors and Authorization to Provide
Meals

GENERAL ORDER
No. 20-025

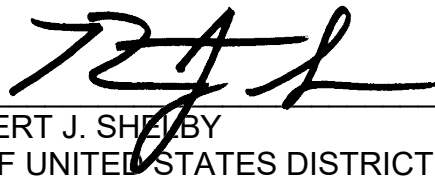
As set forth in several previous General Orders this year, all grand jury sessions in this district were suspended for several months because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning in July 2020, however, the court determined that limited grand jury sessions could resume to address the growing backlog of cases that urgently needed to be presented to the grand jury. The resumption of critical grand jury sessions was possible because of the safety precautions the court had been able to implement to minimize the risk of exposure to the coronavirus of the jurors, counsel, witnesses, judicial officers, and court staff. As the court moves to Phase 1 of the Resumption of Court Operations Plan on September 1, 2020, the number of grand jury sessions will likely increase.

Because of the pandemic-related need to minimize the number of days each grand jury spends at the court while at the same time maximizing the number of urgent cases presented to the grand juries when they do convene, the court authorizes, under 28 U.S.C. § 1871(e), the partial sequestration of the jurors of Grand Jury 19-01, 19-02, and 19-03. For their safety and security, the jurors are not to separate and are to be kept together at the courthouse when they convene.

Accordingly beginning on July 9, 2020, and continuing until this Order is amended or rescinded, the Clerk's Office is directed to procure meals (individually wrapped/separated) for the partially sequestered grand jurors and to charge the costs of the juror meals and the delivery fees to the juror fee appropriation.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of August, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RJS', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

ROBERT J. SHELBY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE