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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ORDER PROVIDING FOR
RELOCATION OF COURT

GENERAL ORDER 13-23

The Bellingham courthouse for the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington located at 2014 C Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 sustained water damage due to rain. The damage, and the threat of additional damage that might result from further rainfall, has created a potential safety hazard to the public and to court staff. At this time, it is uncertain when the Bellingham courthouse will be repaired such that court operations can continue at the Bellingham courthouse. Accordingly, pursuant to subsection (a) of the Special Sessions Act, 28 U.S.C. § 141, the Court hereby FINDS and ORDERS:

- 1 1. There is an immediate need to continue court operations at a location convenient to
2 the public and closer to a vast majority of defendants, witnesses, agents, and attorneys
3 who come to court. The Court thanks Skagit County for its generous offer to house
4 the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.
- 5 2. To meet the need for continued court operations, special sessions of the district court
6 will be held at the Skagit County Community Justice Center, 201 Suzanne Lane,
7 Mount Vernon, Washington 98273.
- 8 3. Beginning January 2, 2024, and until further order of the Court, the United States
9 District Court for the Western District of Washington will operate and otherwise
10 conduct the special sessions in Mount Vernon for Central Violations Bureau
11 proceedings.
- 12 4. The Court's electronic filing system will remain available and will be monitored for
13 emergency matters.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

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David G. Estudillo
Chief United States District Judge