

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

**In Re: PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF
TRANSCRIPTS FOR CERTAIN
CRIMINAL CASE PROCEEDINGS**

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 20-14**

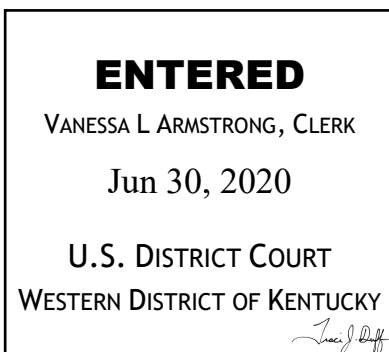
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On March 30, 2020, the Court entered General Order 20-05, authorizing the use of video and telephone conferencing for various criminal case events, including change of plea and sentencing proceedings, pursuant to the CARES Act. In light of this Order, and in an effort to provide public access to the Court's proceedings, on April 1, 2020, the Court entered General Order 20-07 which directed all official court reporters to prepare, and the Clerk of Court to post on the Court's website, a draft transcript of all change of plea and sentencings proceedings, in addition to any other proceeding requested by the presiding judge.

While the Court has resumed holding in-court change of plea and sentencing proceedings, pursuant to General Order 20-13, the Court has authorized certain felony plea and sentencing proceedings to occur by video conferencing, or telephone conferencing if video conferencing is not available, under specific circumstances. As such, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that General Order 20-07 is **AMENDED** as follows:

1. All official court reporters for the Western District of Kentucky shall prepare a draft transcript of all felony plea and sentencings proceedings that occur by video or telephone conferencing, in addition to any other proceeding requested by the presiding judge.
2. The Clerk of Court shall post all transcripts so prepared on the Court's website where they shall remain accessible to the general public for a period of thirty (30) days.
3. Such transcripts shall not be deemed an official transcript. Any individual requiring an official transcript must pay the transcript fees prescribed by Joint General Order 2018-01.
4. This Order shall remain in effect for the same duration as General Order 20-13, and any extensions thereof, unless terminated earlier.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2020.




Greg N. Stivers, Chief Judge
United States District Court