

General Order No. 17-17

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
GENERAL ORDER CONTINUING BEAUMONT CRIMINAL CASES IN LIGHT OF  
HURRICANE HARVEY**

Due to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and the direct consequences of the recent evacuation of the Beaumont area, the disruption of services and communication in the Beaumont area, the closure of the Beaumont division and numerous attorneys' offices in the Beaumont area, it is hereby ORDERED that all Beaumont division criminal matters pending before this court are CONTINUED until further order of the court. The court hereby finds that in light of the widespread disruption caused by Hurricane Harvey, the ends of justice served by ordering such continuances in criminal cases outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendants in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017

**FOR THE COURT:**



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**RON CLARK  
CHIEF JUDGE**