UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS 219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

CHAMBERS OF REBECCA R. PALLMEYER CHIEF JUDGE 312-435-5600

July 29, 2020

Dear Dirksen Courthouse and Roszkowski Courthouse Occupants:

We learned this morning that one of our Court Security Officers has tested positive for COVID-19. That Officer has not been assigned to screen visitors in the lobby. The Officer was reportedly last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Friday, July 24 and the Roszkowski Courthouse on Monday, July 27.

As a precaution, staff with whom the Officer had close contact have been sent home to quarantine. We are also arranging for deep cleaning of areas and surfaces the individual may have contacted. In response to this news, we are arranging for additional staff to meet our security needs. We do not view this news as a reason for alarm, but as always, encourage everyone to continue safety practices: wearing a mask in all contacts with other persons in the Courthouse, maintaining a minimum of six feet distance from others, and frequent handwashing.

You should of course continue to monitor yourself for any symptoms associated with COVID-19, and you should contact your healthcare provider with any questions about symptoms or specific questions about your health.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

Chief United States District Judge

Northern District of Illinois

Chair, Dirksen Building Safety and Security

Committee