

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

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ORDER CLOSING ALBERT ARMENDARIZ, SR. UNITED STATES
COURTHOUSE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

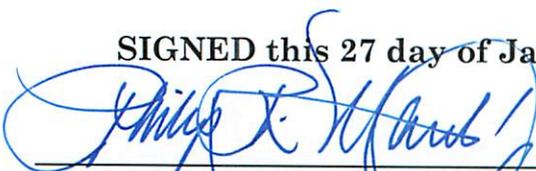
Before the Court is the matter relating to extraordinary demands placed upon available El Paso County law enforcement offices and resources resulting from Pope Francis's visit to the El Paso – Juarez borderplex on February 17, 2016. Given this historic visit, over 450,000 residents and visitors are expected to gather in the downtown region, which is expected to cause traffic congestion in and surrounding the United States Courthouse. As a result, many local city offices, businesses, and educational institutions (to include the University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso Community College, and the majority of the County's public school districts) have decided to cease operations for the day. Moreover, anticipated street closures will prevent vehicular access to the downtown region where the United States Courthouse is located.

In consideration of these factors, and to ensure the public safety and security of the larger El Paso community, the Albert Armendariz, Sr. United States Courthouse in El Paso, Texas, including the offices of the United States District Court, the United States Magistrate Court, the United States Office of the District Clerk, the United States Probation Office, the United States Pretrial Services Office, and the Office of the Public Defender, will be closed on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

The Clerk of Court shall issue this Order and publish it on the Western District of Texas website.

It is so **ORDERED**.

SIGNED this 27 day of January, 2016.



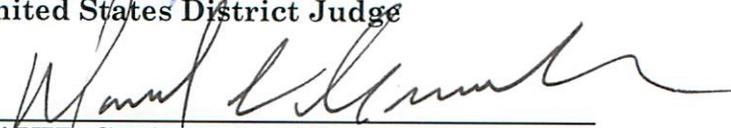
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Senior United States District Judge