

General Order 2020- 03

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency due to the introduction and spread of the international COVID-10 virus. On March 13, 2020 the President of the United States of America declared a National Emergency.

As of March 17, 2020, the San Benito County Public Health Officer issued an Order applicable to all individuals living in the County of San Benito to Shelter in Place and directing all businesses and governmental agencies to cease non-essential operations within the county, and to prohibit all non-essential gatherings of any numbers of individuals or non-essential travel.

And on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors

The federal, state and local officials have taken these actions to reduce the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in order to protect public health and safety.

Accordingly, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Benito hereby orders for as long as the State of Emergency declared by Governor Gavin Newsome on March 4, 2020, remains in effect:

With limited exceptions as specified herein, anyone taken into custody pursuant to a misdemeanor or felony warrant for \$10,000 or less issued before the emergency Amendment to the San Benito County Superior Court Bail Schedule, dated March 24, 2020, shall be released on their own recognizance.


The exceptions are:

- 1) Warrants issued with express language forbidding Cite/Release or such similar language,
- 2) PC §243(e)(1),
- 3) PC §273.5,
- 4) PC §273.6, if the detained person made threats to kill or harm, or has engaged in violence against, or has gone to the residence or workplace of the protected party,

- 5) VC §23152, with one prior conviction of VC §§23152, 23153, or 23103.5, or
- 6) VC §23152, with two or more prior conviction of VC §§23152, 23153, or 23103.5.

If any of the above exceptions apply, the bail for such person remains as stated on the face of the warrant.

Dated: March 25, 2020



Steven R. Sanders
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court