

APR 01 2020

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
CLERK OF THE COURT
BY T. Cook DEPUTY

GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

In response to the dynamic threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the March 18, 2020 Order ("Order") of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California and the Statewide Emergency Order by Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council ("Statewide Order") dated March 30, 2020, the Superior Court of Imperial County ("Court"), this Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to the Statewide Order, the time provided in section 859b of the Penal Code to hold a preliminary hearing and the defendant's right to release is extended from 10 court days to 30 court days.

2. Pursuant to the Statewide Order, the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code in which a defendant charged with a felony shall be taken before a judicial officer is extended from 48 hours to not more than 7 days. This order is already in effect in this Court under General Order 2020-1.

3. Pursuant to the Statewide Order, the time periods under Penal Code section 1382 for holding trials have been extended by no more than 60 days. Likewise, the time periods under Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 to bring an action to trial have been extended by no more than 60 days.


4. The Judicial Council, in its Report dated March 28, 2020, has also directed the courts to make use of technology, when possible, to conduct judicial proceedings and court operations remotely. The Statewide Order supports this directive and suspends any California Rule of Court that would prevent the court from using such technology. This includes using available technology to meet current statutory time requirements including arraignments and preliminary examinations.

5. The use of video appearances for arraignments is already in place in this Court

1 and appearances for all other hearings in any type of case via remote technology is hereby
2 authorized.

3 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

4 Dated: APR 01 2020

5 
6 _____
7 L. Brooks Anderholt, Presiding Judge