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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:
IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF
OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR IN-CUSTODY
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The Ventura Superior Court is committed to protecting the health and safety of jurors, attorneys, staff, law enforcement, other court users, judges and the general public, while continuing to perform its constitutional and statutory duties. The court has implemented protocols designed to protect health and safety. However, the combined impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing measures have significantly impacted the court's ability to conduct in-person court proceedings. Further, given current confirmed COVID-19 positive cases of defendants housed in the main jail, the Ventura County Public Health Officer has advised the Sheriff to not transport any in-custody defendants to the Hall of Justice for in-person or Zoom hearings. Therefore, based upon the authority granted under the September 8, 2020 Emergency Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California and the court's inherent authority to take into account the needs of the public and court, as they relate to the efficient and effective management of the court's calendars, (*California Rules of Court*, rule 10.603(c)):

This court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

The court extends the time period provided in §825 of the *Penal Code* within which an in-custody defendant charged with a criminal offense must be taken before a magistrate from

1 48 hours to not more than 7 days. This authority applies only to defendants for whom the
2 statutory deadline otherwise would expire from September 8, 2020 to October 7, 2020,
3 inclusive.

4 This relief is temporary and intended to address the current COVID-19 pandemic as it
5 poses a challenge to the holding of arraignments.

6 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND MAY BE AMENDED OR REVOKED.
7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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10 DATED: September 8, 2020

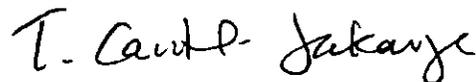
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THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, it was determined on March 13 and 20, April 14, May 11, June 10, and August 27, 2020, that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115 were met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura (Court). Based on those determinations, and pursuant to the Court's requests, six prior emergency orders issued, authorizing the Court to implement certain relief under Government Code section 68115. Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Bruce A. Young, it is determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(b)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than 7 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from September 8, 2020, to October 7, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8)).

Date: September 8, 2020



Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council