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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER

STANDING ORDER OF THE PLACER
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

No.: 20-021

STANDING ORDER RE COVID-19
PANDEMIC: RESUMPTION OF
EMERGENCY ORDERS FOR
NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, NON-
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE,
OUT-OF-CUSTODY MISDEMEANOR
HEARINGS AND TRAFFIC
MISDEMEANOR TRIALS

The World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of California, and Placer County have recognized that we currently face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. As of this date, there is no known cure, vaccination, or consistently effective treatment. In response to the spread of COVID-19, states of emergency have been declared nationally and in most States.

Placer County health officials followed state and federal guidance by issuing recommendations and mandates intended to decrease the spread of the virus. This Placer County Superior Court previously issued temporary emergency orders with respect to criminal matters in response to the

1 declarations of a state of emergency, Executive Orders by the Governor of
2 the State of California, and orders and directives from the Chief Justice of
3 the State of California, which continued many criminal matters, including
4 hearings for non-traffic misdemeanors that did not involve domestic violence
5 or driving under the influence, to future dates.

6 The court resumed hearing non-traffic misdemeanor cases that did not
7 involve domestic violence or driving under the influence on June 8, 2020.
8 The number of COVID-19 cases in Placer County has increased substantially
9 since that time. The County has surpassed 100 cases per 100,000 residents,
10 has a positive testing rate of over 8%, and as of July 28, 2020 had fewer
11 than five hospital beds and intensive care unit beds available. These factors
12 are outside the State of California benchmarks for community transmission
13 and Placer County remains on the State of California's COVID-19 County
14 Monitoring List. Counties on this list must follow more restrictive guidelines
15 for services as outlined in California Department of Public Health's July 13,
16 2020 Guidance on Closure of Sectors in Response to COVID-19.

17 In order to proactively support the efforts of State and local public
18 health officials, while balancing the need for continuous operation of the
19 court; and in light of (1) declarations of a state of emergency by federal,
20 state, and local governments due to the COVID-19 / novel coronavirus global
21 pandemic; (2) Executive Orders by the Governor of the State of California;
22 (3) orders and directives of the Chief Justice of the State of California; and
23 under the authority of Code of Civil Procedure section 128 and California
24 Rules of Court, rule 10.603, the court issues the following temporary
25 standing order:

- 26 • **CONTINUANCE OF MISDEMEANOR HEARINGS [Non-**
27 **Arrest; Non-Trial Assignment; Defendant NOT in**
28 **Custody; Excludes Driving Under the Influence, Domestic**

1 **Violence, and Traffic]:** With the exception of arraignments and
2 trial assignment hearings, the court will continue all hearings in
3 misdemeanor cases, **excluding driving under the influence,**
4 **domestic violence and traffic cases,** set between August 3,
5 2020, and August 28, 2020, in which the defendant is not in
6 custody, to an available date at least eight weeks from the currently
7 scheduled court date.

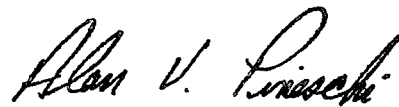
8 • **CONTINUANCE OF MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC TRIALS**
9 **[Excludes Driving Under the Influence; Defendant NOT In**
10 **Custody]:** The court will continue all traffic misdemeanor trials set

11 between August 3, 2020, and August 28, 2020, in which the
12 defendant is not in custody, to an available date at least eight weeks
13 from the currently scheduled court date.

- 14 • All arraignments and trial assignment hearings for misdemeanors,
15 including driving under the influence, will remain as set.
- 16 • All misdemeanor hearings in which the defendant is in custody will
17 remain as set.
- 18 • For all of the foregoing cases, it is hereby ordered that defendants
19 shall appear at the continued hearing date.
- 20 • Nothing in this order is intended to affect or modify the Court's
21 Standing Order No. 20-020.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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25 DATED: JUL 29 2020



26 HONORABLE ALAN V. PINESCHI
27 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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