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6th AMENDED STANDING ORDER TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE EXECUTION OF WARRANTS FOR CERTAIN TRAVIS COUNTY CASES

In the interest of community safety, and in the wake of Governor Abbott's declaration of a state of disaster and the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals' First Emergency Order regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster, at the request of the Travis County Attorney's Office, the Travis County Court at Law Judges find the following suspension of procedure is reasonable and necessary.

In order to alleviate the threat of COVID-19 in County Jails, the Travis County Court at Law Judges trying criminal cases have agreed to temporarily suspend active warrants for all misdemeanor offenses except for the following cases:

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Penal Code 20.02 – Unlawful Restraint
Penal Code 25.07 – Violation of Protective Order
Penal Code 46.02 – Unlawful Carrying Weapons
Penal Code Chapter 22 – Assault with Bodily Injury, Assault Family Violence, Assault Dating Violence, Indecent Assault, Terroristic Threat

All the requirements and conditions of the warrants previously signed by the magistrate remain in effect but are suspended during this state of emergency. For the effective suspension, the Travis County Sheriff's Office is directed to relate this Order to all law enforcement officers requesting confirmation of warrants, so that they are aware not to bring low-level offenders to the jail during this time.

In the event that a warrant is suspended under this order, and the subject of that suspended warrant is arrested for a subsequent offense at a Class B level or higher, the suspension is lifted and the warrant shall be executed.

IT IS ORDERED that all warrants for misdemeanor offenses are temporarily suspended, except for those listed above. A copy of this Standing Order shall be transmitted to the Sheriff of Travis County. This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until January 15, 2021, at which point the Judges will reconsider the needs of the community and either lift or continue the Order depending on the circumstances.

Signed on behalf of the Travis County Court at Law Judges Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Judge Elisabeth Earle
Local Administrative Statutory County Court Judge

November 24, 2020
Date