IN THE TRAVIS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS

FILE NO. GN-61-121012

FIRST AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER FOR ALL CRIMINAL COURTS REGARDING COVID-19

Effective April 28, 2020

ORDERED that:

1. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of disaster declared by the Governor, the Stay-at-Home Orders issued by Travis County and the City of Austin, and the Emergency Orders issued by the Supreme Court of Texas and Court of Criminal Appeals, and to protect the due process rights and public health of all citizens, the Travis County Criminal Courts amend the Emergency Order for All Travis County Criminal Courts (effective March 14, 2020).

2. All in-person proceedings to be held in the County Courts-At-Law and Criminal District Courts shall be rescheduled until after June 1, 2020. Counsel must contact each court by email or by phone to obtain the individual reset dates for those cases for which this is applicable. Contact information for each court is available at https://www.traviscountytx.gov/courts/criminal.

3. There will be no summonses for jury service issued for jury trials to take place prior to June 1, 2020, and no jury trials will be held during that time period.

4. Special case settings arranged by the parties, emergency hearings, mental health and related hearings, protective order cases, and, non-contested docket settings and appearances for in-jail cases will continue, unless further notification is given to indicate otherwise, or, if those types of cases have been reset by the agreement of the parties.

5. Require every participant in a proceeding to alert the court if the participant has, or knows of any other participant who has, COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, or a fever, cough or sneezing.

6. Take any other reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19.

7. This order is effective immediately and replaces the previous Emergency Order, which was effective on March 14, 2020.

8. The Travis County Criminal Courts will resume operations on June 1, 2020, unless otherwise notified.

Dated: April 28, 2020

Filed In The District Court
of Travis County, Texas
on 4-28-2020
at 3:00 P M.
Velva L. Price, District Clerk

Brenda P. Kennedy

BRENDA P. KENNEDY
Presiding Judge
Travis County Criminal Courts