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8th AMENDED
STANDING ORDER
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE EXECUTION OF WARRANTS FOR CERTAIN TRAVIS COUNTY CASES ASSIGNED TO THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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' Emergency Orders regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster, and with the recommendation of the Travis County District Attorney's Office, the Travis County District Court Judges find the following suspension of procedure is reasonable and necessary.

In order to alleviate the threat of COVID-19 in County Jails, the Judges of the Travis County Criminal District Courts have agreed to temporarily suspend active warrants for the following felony offenses:

SJF and F3 Possession of a Controlled Substance
SJF Delivery of a Controlled Substance
SJF and F3 Possession of Marijuana
Obtaining A Controlled Substance by Fraud
SJF Credit or Debit Card Abuse
SJF Criminal Mischief, unless fire or a deadly weapon was used in the commission of the offense
SJF False Statement to Obtain Property or Credit
SJF Forgery
SJF Fraudulent Destruction, Removal or Concealment of a Writing
SJF Graffiti
SJF Interference with Railroad Property
SJF Prostitution
SJF Securing Execution of a Document by Deception
SJF Tampering with Physical Evidence or Attempt to Tamper with Physical Evidence
SJF Theft
SJF Theft of Service

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.

If a peace officer sees that a warrant has been suspended and believes the person for whom the warrant was originally issued needs to be arrested for a specific articulable reason, that officer is free to contact the issuing magistrate in order to reactivate the warrant.

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 the above offenses are temporarily suspended as per this order. 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 through March 31, 2021, at which point the Judges will reconsider the needs of the community and either lift or continue the Order depending on the circumstances.

Brenda P. Kennedy

Judge Brenda P. Kennedy
Presiding District Court Judge

January 29, 2021
Date