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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

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CLERK OF THE COURT  
BY R. Brock, DEPUTY

**GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF  
AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY CHAIR  
OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the March 18, 2020 Order (“Order”) of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the March 18, 2020 request for an emergency order made by the Superior Court of Imperial County (“Court”), this Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Effective March 23, 2020 to March 30, 2020, inclusive, the Brawley Courthouse and Winterhaven Courthouse will be closed to the public. The courthouses will reopen on April 1, 2020, after the court holiday. Notice of continuances will be sent on all matters currently set in those locations during this time period.

2. Effective March 23, 2020 to March 30, 2020, inclusive, the El Centro Courthouse will restrict public access to those involved in court hearings that are not continued by the orders below, and those filing or obtaining orders related to the limited purposes below:

- a. Restraining Orders
- b. Ex Parte Custody Orders
- c. Emergency Petitions for Temporary Guardianship or Conservatorship
- d. Emergency Orders Relating to the Health and Safety of a Child
- e. Public Agency Filings Related to Juvenile Petitions

3. Effective March 23, 2020, the El Centro Courthouse courtrooms will be open to address time-sensitive matters, arraignments, restraining orders, and issuance of orders relating to public safety. Upon the reopening of the Brawley and Winterhaven Courthouses on April 1, 2020, both courthouses will be providing the same time-sensitive, essential services as the El Centro Courthouse until the public health restrictions are lifted by local, state, and/or national officials.

1           4.       Electronic filing will be accepted and processed for all case types as usual during  
2 this time period on the Court's website at <https://portal-imperial.journaltech.com/public-portal/> .

3           5.       For purposes of computing time for filing papers with the Court under Code of  
4 Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, from March 23, 2020, to March 30, 2020, inclusive, are  
5 deemed holidays (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));

6           6.       For purposes of computing time under Penal Code section 825, and Welfare and  
7 Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657, from March 23, 2020, to March  
8 30, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));

9           7.       In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 19,  
10 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time periods provided  
11 in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not  
12 more than 30 days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));

13           8.       Any judge of the Court may extend by not more than 30 days the duration of any  
14 temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 19, 2020, to April 17, 2020,  
15 inclusive, because the emergency condition described in the Order prevented the Court from  
16 conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code,  
17 § 68115(a)(7));

18           9.       In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 19,  
19 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided  
20 in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be  
21 taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than 7 days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8));

22           10.      In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 19,  
23 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided  
24 in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court  
25 days to not more than 15 court days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9));

26           11.      In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 19,  
27 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided  
28 in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days

1 (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10));

2 12. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 19,  
3 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided  
4 in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody  
5 pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than 7 days (Gov.  
6 Code, § 68115(a)(11));

7 13. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 19,  
8 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided  
9 in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody  
10 pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than 7 days  
11 (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

12 14. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March  
13 19, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time periods  
14 provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor  
15 taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a felony must be given a  
16 detention hearing or rehearing to not more than 7 days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

17 15. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March  
18 19, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period  
19 provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a  
20 juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than 15 days (Gov. Code,  
21 § 68115(a)(12)); and

22 16. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 19,  
23 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided  
24 in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship  
25 petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held by not more than 15 days (Gov.  
26 Code, § 68115(a)(12)).

27 17. Any hearing with a statutory deadline not extended by this order shall proceed as  
28 scheduled upon a determination by the assigned judge that irreparable harm will result if the

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proceeding is continued.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: MAR 19 2020



L. Brooks Anderholt, Presiding Judge