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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

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COUNTY OF IMPERIAL  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
BY R. Crick, DEPUTY

**GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

In response to the dynamic threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to 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 and the California Rules of Court Emergency Rules approved and effective April 6, 2020, the Superior Court of Imperial County (“Court”), this Court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Pursuant to California Rules of Court Emergency Rule 3, the Court is requiring criminal judicial proceedings to be conducted remotely in order to provide the utmost protection of the health and safety of all parties, attorneys, court staff, and the public.


2. All criminal matters will proceed as set with all participants appearing remotely. Pursuant to Emergency Rule 3, the consent of the defendant is required only for the waiver of the defendant’s appearance as provided in Emergency Rule 5. The court will accept waivers of defendant’s personal appearance at the time of the proceeding pursuant to Emergency Rule 5, personally or by way of counsel’s representation, by electronic communication with the defendant, or by any other means that ensures the validity of the waiver.

3. If Defendant chooses not to waive personal presence, the Court will address the matter at the remote proceeding to make arrangements to allow for Defendant’s personal presence when safe to do so without risking the health and safety of the public, including the defendant, counsel, court users, other defendants, witnesses, court personnel, judicial officers, security personnel, and others.

4. This order shall remain in effect as long as the California Rules of Court Emergency Rule 3 is in effect, or until otherwise amended or rescinded by the Court.

**THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

Dated: 4-7-20

  
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L. Brooks Anderholt, Presiding Judge