

## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

GENERAL ORDER IMPLEMENTING
RENEWED EMERGENCY RELIEF
(Gov. Code §68115)

GENERAL ORDER 2020-019

CR-20-999999

Given the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, the Stanislaus County Superior Court ("Court") has previously requested emergency authorizations from Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, as Chair of the Judicial Council of California, pursuant to Government Code section 68115. On March 18, 2020, the Chief Justice granted the Court's first request for emergency relief and issued an order authorizing the Court to take emergency measures. The Court implemented this relief via General Order on March 19, 2020. At the Court's request, the Chief Justice has issued further emergency orders authorizing the Court to extend various

emergency measures on April 16, May 15, June 10, June 12, June 19, July 13, and August 11, 2020, respectively, all of which the Court has implemented via General Order.

In addition to the emergency authority the Chief Justice has granted directly to the Court in her court specific emergency orders, on March 30, 2020, the Chief Justice issued a statewide emergency order granting all 58 courts in California additional emergency authority. While certain portions of the Chief Justice's 3/30/20 statewide emergency order were rescinded effective June 10, 2020, other portions – including the section upon which the Court relies in implementing this General Order - remain in effect.

Because COVID-19 related emergency conditions continue to exist in Stanislaus County, the Court renewed its request for authorization to extend certain emergency measures on September 8, 2020, and on September 10, 2020, the Chief Justice issued an order granting such authority directly to the Stanislaus County Superior Court effective through the dates set forth herein. Now, exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115, the Chief Justice's March 30, 2020, statewide emergency order, and the further August 11 and September 10, 2020, orders of the Chief Justice,

## This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Court may hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive.

  (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1));
- 2. If the Court determines it is necessary, the Court may declare that from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive, be deemed a holiday/holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, because

emergency conditions substantially interfere with the public's ability to file papers in a court facility on those dates. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));

- 3. If the Court determines it is necessary, the Court may declare that from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive, be deemed a holiday/holidays for purposes of computing time under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637 and 657, because emergency conditions prevent the Court from conducting proceedings or accepting filings as necessary to satisfy these deadlines on those dates. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));
- 4. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code within which a trial must be held by thirty (30) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10)). This order applies only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 8/11/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive.
- 5. The Court extends the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than seven (7) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8)). This order applies only to defendants for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive.
- 6. The Court extends the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from ten (10) court days to not more than thirty (30) court days. (Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, dated March 30, 2020, Section A.1.)

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  This relief was granted in the Chief Justice's 8/11/2020 Emergency Order and initially implemented in the Court's General Order 2020-017, issued on 8/11/2020. This relief is being implemented again, in this Order, as the relief is in effect through 10/9/2020, as set forth in the Chief Justice's 8/11/2020 Emergency Order.

This order applies in all cases until revoked or modified by order of this Court or of the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court.

- 7. If the Court determines it is necessary, the Court may extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11)). This order applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive.
- 8. If the Court determines it is necessary, the Court may extend the time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11)). This order applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive.
- 9. If the Court determines it is necessary, the Court may extend the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than seven (7) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11)). This order applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive.
- 10. If the Court determines it is necessary, the Court may extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than fifteen (15) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)). This order applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive.

11. If the Court determines it is necessary, the Court may extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held by not more than fifteen (15) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)). This order applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 9/10/2020 to 10/9/2020, inclusive.

This order is intended to supplement the statewide orders issued by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court and Emergency Rules of Court adopted by Judicial Council of California. If there is any conflict between the terms of the statewide orders or Emergency Rules of Court and this order, the statewide orders and Emergency Rules shall control.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: September 10, 2020

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT