

IN THE STATE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: CHANGES TO STATE)
COURT CALENDAR AFFECTED BY)
DECLARATION OF STATEWIDE)
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY BY)
SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA)
ON MARCH 14, 2020)

FORSYTH COUNTY GEORGIA
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CLERK SUPERIOR COURT

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-056

Pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court of Georgia entered on March 14, 2020, declaring a Statewide Judicial Emergency in the State of Georgia through April 13, 2020, and the Amended Order Declaring Judicial Emergency entered by Chief Superior Court Judge Jeffrey S. Bagley on March 16, 2020, and the declaration by Governor Brian Kemp of a State of Emergency for the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-51, in connection with the Coronavirus pandemic, the State Court of Forsyth County hereby amends the administrative order regarding the scheduling of bonds as follows:

The Court recognizes a need to mitigate the further spread of said virus and acknowledges that the confinement of potentially infected or vulnerable persons in the county jail could exacerbate the present situation related to the transmission of the virus.

The Sheriff of Forsyth County, using his sound discretion, shall be authorized to release on his or her own recognizance to appear in court at a later date any person who exhibits symptoms of the coronavirus or is otherwise ill,



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infirm, or vulnerable to infection, who may be arrested and charged, on or after the date of this order, with misdemeanor offense only; **provided, however that the following offenses shall be excluded from the provisions of this order:**

- (1) Offenses of Family Violence as defined in O.C.G.A. § 19-13-20;
- (2) Offenses of Driving Under Influence as defined in O.C.G.A. § 40-6-391;
- (3) Any other offense having a scheduled bond amount of more than \$1,000.00 as established by the administrative order of the court in 2009, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this order.

This authorization shall further allow said sheriff to release similar persons who are arrested on bench warrants, probation warrants, and arrest orders for contempt in the same described manner.

This Order shall remain in effect **for the period of the judicial emergency only** and shall terminate upon the termination of the judicial emergency by order of the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Forsyth County or the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court.

The Sheriff of Forsyth County is hereby directed to email daily the Clerk of State Court at ggallen@forsythco.com and the State Court Criminal Case Coordinators at bnramon@forsythco.com and goabbott@forsythco.com a list of all defendants presently held in custody under bench warrants issued by the State Court of Forsyth County or subsequently arrested during the period of judicial emergency who are not released pursuant to this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 26th day of March, 2020.



T. Russell McClelland III, Chief Judge
Forsyth County State Court
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit