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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

**GENERAL ORDER OF EMERGENCY ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF
EMERGENCY RELIEF AUTHORIZED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF CALIFORNIA
PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND THE
JUDICIAL COUNCIL AND BY THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI,
SECTION 6 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 AND OTHER LEGAL
AUTHORITY**

Based on the Order of the Chief Justice of California on March 30, 2020, and for the reasons stated therein, Presiding Judge Judith K. Dulcich does HEREBY FIND AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to not more than 30 court days;

2. Extend 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 days;

3. Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by no more than 60 days from the last date on which the statutory deadline otherwise would have expired;

4. Extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by no more than 60 days from the last date on which the statutory deadline otherwise would have expired;

5. These extensions are in addition to any prior orders issued under Government Code section 68115;


6. The 60 day continuance of jury trials ordered by the Chief Justice on March 23, 2020 is to be calculated from the date for which the trial was set or extended as provided in #3 or #4 above, whichever is longer;

7. To make use of available technology, when possible, to conduct judicial proceedings and court operations remotely regardless of any California Rule of Court that might prevent the

1 Court from using technology to conduct judicial proceedings and court operations remotely, in
2 order to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, litigants, and
3 witnesses. This is consistent with the Governor's Order, which also provides for the suspension of
4 related statues that impose limitations on the subject of these emergency orders.

5 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

6 Dated: 4/1/20

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8 Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge