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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**

Based on the Order of the Chief Justice of California on April 29, 2020, and for the reasons stated therein, Presiding Judge Judith K. Dulcich does HEREBY FIND AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The 60-day continuance of criminal jury trials and the 60-day extension of time in which to conduct a criminal trial under Penal Code section 1382, both of which the Chief Justice first authorized in her order of March 23, 2020, are to be extended an additional 30 days. The total extension of 90 days shall be calculated from the last date on which the trial initially could have been conducted under Penal Code section 1382.

2. This extension applies only to those matters for which the last date on which the trial could be conducted under Penal Code section 1382 occurred or will occur between March 16, 2020, and June 15, 2020.

3. Any previously issued extensions of time in which to conduct a criminal trial under Penal Code section 1382 that the Chief Justice authorized in an emergency order or orders issued to an individual court pursuant to Government Code section 68115(a)(10) shall run concurrently with the extension authorized in this paragraph, such that the total authorized extension of the section 1382 deadline in a case is 90 days.

4. The Kern County Superior Court will collaborate with local justice partners to conduct trials at an earlier date, if it may do so in compliance with applicable health and safety laws, regulations, and orders, including through the use of remote technology, when appropriate.

The Kern County Superior Court will timely communicate with justice partners regarding the status of pending proceedings.


The Kern County Superior Court will work with justice partners to encourage and facilitate expeditious settlement, where possible, of cases pending before the court, in compliance with

1 applicable health and safety laws, regulations, and orders, including through the use of remote
2 technology, when appropriate.

3 This relief is temporary, intended to address the current COVID-19 pandemic as it poses a
4 challenge to court proceedings. The Chief Justice reserves the authority to rescind or modify this
5 order, as appropriate, to address changing circumstances. This order may be deemed part of the
6 record in affected cases for purposes of appeal, without the need to file the order in each case.

7 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

8 Dated: 4/30/20


Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge

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