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3 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

4 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN**

5 **GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF**
6 **AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY CHAIR**
7 **OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

8 Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the proclamations of a states of emergency by
9 Governor Gavin Newsom and President Donald Trump, it has been determined that the
10 conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the
11 Superior Court of Kern County (the Court). On March 17, 2020, an Order issued at the request of
12 Presiding Judge Judith Dulcich authorizing the Court to implement various forms of relief
13 authorized by section 68115. Upon, the further request of Presiding Judge Dulcich, it is ordered
14 that the Court is authorized to do the following:

15 1) Extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a
16 defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not
17 more than 7 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire
18 March 31, 2020, to April 15, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8).)

19 2) Extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding
20 of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than 15 court days, applicable only
21 to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire March 31, 2020, to April 15, 2020,
22 inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9).)

23 3) Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding
24 of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline
25 otherwise would expire March 31, to April 15, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10).)

26 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

27 Dated: 3/19/20

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Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge