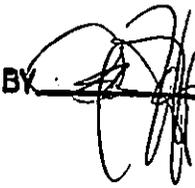


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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

**IN RE: SIXTY DAY MORATORIUM ON  
REMOVAL OF INMATES FOR  
MISDEMEANOR, FAMILY LAW  
DIVISION AND JUVENILE COURT  
MATTERS**

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: SD-20-0013

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued an order directing all Californians to shelter in place at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors to protect public health and ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability. The Court must employ all necessary emergency protective measures to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and Court functions must be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements to

1 the greatest extent feasible. Protection of public health and safety in connection with  
2 the COVID-19 threat has resulted or is expected to result in changes to the way the  
3 Superior Court services and those of its justice partners are provided. California  
4 Rules of Court, Emergency Rules Related to COVID-19, rules 3 and 5, provide the  
5 authority and conditions for remote appearances by defendants during a health  
6 emergency.

7 Accordingly, effective immediately there will be a 60 day moratorium on  
8 removal of inmates from California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to  
9 the Kern County Jail for appearances in Misdemeanor, Family Law Division, and  
10 Juvenile Court matters. All removal orders in the processing stage should be stopped.

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12 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2020.

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14 Dated: August 14, 2020.

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17 Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge  
18 Kern County Superior Court