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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:

IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF
OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR IN-CUSTODY
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY HEARINGS

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NO. 20.33

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The Ventura Superior Court is committed to protecting the health and safety of jurors, attorneys, staff, law enforcement, other court users, judges and the general public, while continuing to perform its constitutional and statutory duties. The court has implemented protocols designed to protect health and safety. However, the combined impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing measures have significantly impacted the court's ability to conduct in-person court proceedings. Further, given current confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in the main jail, the Ventura County Public Health Officer has advised the Sheriff to not transport any in-custodies, including in-custody criminal defendants or juvenile wards housed at the main jail to the Juvenile Justice Center for in-person hearings or to the Hall of Justice for in-person or Zoom hearings. Therefore, based upon the authority granted under the September 14, 2020 Emergency Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California and the court's inherent authority to take into account the needs of the public and court, as they relate to the efficient and effective management of the court's calendars, (*California Rules of Court*, rule 10.603(c)):

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, it was determined on March 13 and 20, April 14, May 11, June 10, August 27, and September 8, 2020, that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115 were met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura (Court). Based on those determinations, and pursuant to the Court's requests, seven prior emergency orders issued, authorizing the Court to implement certain relief under Government Code section 68115. Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Bruce A. Young, it is determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(c)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Extend the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from September 14, 2020, to October 13, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11)); and
- Extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from September 14, 2020, to October 13, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)).

Date: September 14, 2020



Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council