

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

In Re EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 SANTA CLARA COUNTY BAIL SCHEDULE ORDER AUTHORIZING CITATION AND RELEASE OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PENAL CODE § 1270

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, in order to maximize compliance with public health and safety directives related to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Court authorizes local law enforcement, including but not limited to, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, the Santa Clara County Probation Department, and the Santa Clara County Department of Correction, to issue citations in the field or after booking, or to issue written promises to appear for individuals under the following circumstances:

 Individuals arrested upon warrants for failing to appear in court for pending misdemeanor offenses, excluding domestic violence related offenses as defined in Penal Code section 136.2, Penal Code section 13700, and Family Code section 6211;

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- Individuals arrested upon warrants for failing to appear in court for diversion-related matters, deferred entry of judgement, or post-conviction matters, excluding post-conviction matters for offenses listed in Penal Code section 1270.1;
- Individuals arrested for felony offenses with an aggregate scheduled bail amount of less than \$25,000, excluding offenses listed in Penal Code section 1270.1 or Vehicle Code section 23153 (driving under the influence causing injury).

Such individuals may be cited and given a court date eight weeks from the arrest date upon execution of a written promise to appear. Individuals on formal probation shall also be ordered to contact their probation officer by telephone within two business days of the arrest date.

The intent of this order is to maximize the protection of health and safety for individuals working within and interacting with local court and custodial systems while balancing potential public safety risks attendant to own recognizance release in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This order will remain in effect until May 31, 2022. The court will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, and will make additional orders as necessary and appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 23, 2022

Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner Santa Clara County Superior Court