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Santa Clara County Superior Court Extends Emergency Bail Schedule To June 30, 2021

On Tuesday, January 26, 2021, The Santa Clara County Superior Court Bench voted to extend the Emergency Bail Schedule to June 30, 2021, or until such time as the order is amended or repealed by the Court. Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner <u>issued the order extending the bail schedule</u> for Santa Clara County Superior Court effective January 26, 2021.

"Our Court shares in our community's concerns about transmission of the coronavirus. We know that groups of people in close confinement increases the potential for transmission, including within the jails and among prisoner populations. While we are pleased to see that there is progress being made to fight against and contain COVID-19, our Court has decided that extending the emergency bail schedule is the right course of action at this time to help protect the health of our citizens," said Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner.

This schedule is applied to all accused persons arrested and in pretrial custody and all accused persons held in pretrial custody. Bail for all misdemeanor and felony offenses must be set at \$0, except for the specified offenses indicated within the order. The Court retains the discretion to deny bail, to set a higher bail for any offense, including those with a bail of \$0, and/or to order conditions of release deemed appropriate for any offense.

Bail setting remains at the discretion of the judicial officer reviewing the case, with due consideration of public safety and health concerns.