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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

ORDER RELEASING PRETRIAL  
DEFENDANTS IN COUNTY JAIL  
PURSUANT TO A STIPULATION  
BETWEEN PROSECUTION/DEFENSE  
COVID-19 EMERGENCY

) ORDER OF THE SUPERVISING JUDGE OF  
) THE CRIMINAL DIVISION  
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COVID-19 is a pandemic affecting society globally. In the United States, and in California, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, have all declared states of emergency.

On March 16, 2020, the Los Angeles Superior Court (Court), pursuant to Government Code section 68115, obtained an emergency order from the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court (Chief). From March 17, 2020 to April 16, 2020, the Court will operate under a General Order to process only essential services.

On March 20, 2020, the Chief, as the head of the Judicial Council, declared an advisory recommendation on criminal procedure including:

- (a) Revise, on an emergency basis, the countywide bail schedule to lower bail amounts significantly for the duration of the coronavirus emergency, including lowering the bail amount to \$0 for many lower level offenses – for all misdemeanors except for those listed in Penal Code section 1270.1 and for lower-level felonies. This will result in fewer individuals in county jails thus alleviating some of the pressures for arraignments within 48 hours and preliminary hearings within 10 days.

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(b) In setting an adult or juvenile defendant's conditions of custody, including the length, eligibility for alternative sentencing, and surrender date, the court should consider defendant's existing health conditions, and any conditions existing at defendant's anticipated place of confinement that could affect the defendant's health, the health of other detainees, or the health of personnel staffing the anticipated place of confinement.

In pursuit of the Chief's policy goals, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (DA), along with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (PD), the Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender's Office (APD), and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff), have collaborated on an efficient process for the release of pretrial county jail inmates through a stipulation process.

To save time and promote social distancing, the parties have stipulated to the following:

- 1) All list of cases submitted for release have been vetted by the DA, PD and APD where the prosecution and defense have agreed on a release;
- 2) All defendants on the list waive their appearance; and
- 3) All defendants, through submitting a request for release, waive statutory speedy trial (Penal Code section 1382), or statutory speedy preliminary hearing (10 day and 60 day rule under Penal Code section 859b), as 0 of 90 for trial, and 0 of 60 for preliminary hearing, on the date selected for return. The reason for the waiver is to protect the safety of the defendant from the possibility of contracting COVID-19 in the Los Angeles County Jail system.

Based upon the stipulation submitted to the Court, the Court hereby makes the following order:

- 1) All defendants on the stipulated list (Attachment A) provided are released on their own recognizance;
- 2) The Court finds good cause to waive time, based upon the need to protect the safety of the defendant from possibly contracting COVID-19 while in the Los Angeles County Jail system; and


1           3)           Each defendant's case on the stipulated list is continued to a date  
2           determined on a case by case basis:

3           a.       For all trials – 0 of 90.

4           b.       All prelims – 0 of 60.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED**

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7 Date: April 2, 2020

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9 **JUDGE SAM OHTA**  
10 **SUPERVISING JUDGE**  
11 **CRIMINAL DIVISION**



## ATTACHMENT "A"

04/01/2020

| BOOKING NO. | NAME (LAST, FIRST)  | DOB | CASE NO.                | NEW COURT DATE       |
|-------------|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|
|             | Aguirre, Samuel     |     | NA111623                | Released 3-25-20     |
|             | Bartlow, Paul       |     | BA472565                | 8-5-20               |
|             | Brown, Anthony      |     | TA149018                | 8-3-20               |
|             | Brown, Clintoneisha |     | BA465235                | 8-5-20               |
|             | Castaneda, Jennifer |     | BA468268<br>BA467541    | 7-20-20              |
|             | Ford, Everett       |     | BA459950<br>BA473032    | 8-4-20               |
|             | Kaattari, Bryan     |     | BA474821                | Cond release 3-30-20 |
|             | Lindsay, George     |     | LA087840                | 7-28-20              |
|             | Martinez, Jose      |     | BA469794                | 7-20-20              |
|             | Ochoa, Manuel       |     | PA024651-02             | 7-13-20              |
|             | Ortega, Brayam      |     | BA474461                | 8-4-20               |
|             | Padilla, Richard    |     | PA090315                | 7-7-20               |
|             | Papayan, Sarkis     |     | GA103776<br>GA107249    | Released 3-24-20     |
|             | Pimental, Alejandro |     | BA457159                | 8-26-20              |
|             | Rangel, Rosa        |     | PA093850<br>GA076143    | 7-13-20              |
|             | Romero, Alexander   |     | TA151184                | 8-13-20              |
|             | Romero, William     |     | BA482159                | 8-17-20              |
|             | Schmitter, Rebekah  |     | PA090778                | 7-29-20              |
|             | Vardanyan, Hayk     |     | GA105216-02<br>GA106887 | 7-9-20<br>7-22-20    |