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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County orders thousands of cases reduced or dismissed pursuant to Proposition 64.

The Assistant Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Alameda County (Court), Hon. Charles Smiley, today issued an [order](#) reducing thousands of felony cases to misdemeanors and misdemeanor cases to infractions pursuant to Proposition 64. Judge Smiley ordered dismissed all cases that had not already been dismissed, and ordered that all cases reduced to infractions be sealed.

Proposition 64, also known as The Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, was approved by California voters in 2016. It legalized the possession and use of recreational marijuana by adults and decreased penalties for possession with intent to sell, sales, transportation and cultivation of marijuana. Proposition 64 was retroactive, and therefore allowed for reductions and dismissals for previously imposed marijuana-related punishments and convictions.

Under Proposition 64, District Attorney's Offices across California were given until July 1, 2020, to implement the new law. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office conducted a thorough search of its records and provided the Court with a list that identified 6,921 felony cases eligible to be reduced to misdemeanors and another 1,235 misdemeanor cases eligible to be reduced to infractions. The Court thereafter reviewed the list and entered the order of reduction and dismissal. Now that the order has been signed, members of the public need not file their own petitions to obtain the benefits of Proposition 64.