

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

IN RE: "CITE" RELEASE OF CERTAIN  
INDIVIDUALS

GENERAL ORDER AUTHORIZING  
CITATION AND RELEASE OF  
CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS DUE TO  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING and upon request by the Alameda County District Attorney, the Public Defender, and the Alameda County Defense Bar, and in order to maximize compliance with current COVID-19-related health and safety directives, the Court authorizes local law enforcement, including the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, to issue citations in the field or after booking ("cite" releases), and issue promises to appear for the individuals arrested or brought to local jails or Santa Rita County Jail under the following circumstances:

- Individuals arrested for failing to appear in court for pending misdemeanor offenses (excluding driving under the influence and domestic violence-related offenses);
- Individuals arrested for failing to appear in court for post-conviction or diversion-related matters;
- Individuals arrested for failing to appear in one of the Alameda County Collaborative Courts (Drug Court, Early Intervention Court, Veterans' Court, Homeless Court, Mentor Diversion, and Behavioral Health Court); and

- Individuals arrested for failing to appear in court for restitution calendars.

These individuals may be “cited” and given a new court date in the bench-warrant issuing department 8 weeks from their arrest date. Those participating in our Collaborative Courts are further ordered to contact their service providers during the intervening period (including their probation officer, parole agent, or case manager, as applicable), and to meet personally if directed.

The Court issues this order with the specific intent to maximize the Court’s efforts to protect the health and safety of those who work within and interact with the Court while also balancing any potential risks to the community, and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the proclamations of states of emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom and President Donald Trump, the Alameda County Public Health Officer’s March 16, 2020 shelter-in-place order, Executive Order N-33-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 19, 2020, the Advisory on COVID-19 and Court Operations issued by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye on March 20, 2020, the March 22, 2020 Major Disaster Declaration for California by President Trump, and the Statewide Order issued by Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye on March 23, 2020.

It is SO ORDERED.

DATED: 3/25/2020



  
HON. TARA M. DESAUTELS  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT