

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**FOURTH AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER DELEGATING TO THE RAMSEY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS AUTHORITY TO PLACE
CERTAIN DEFENDANTS ON ELECTRONIC
HOME MONITORING**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz declared a peacetime state of emergency due to the worldwide spread of COVID-19, also referred to as the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States also declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended several steps to help slow or prevent the spread of COVID-19. These steps include avoiding close contact with others, staggering work schedules, and limiting gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Orders directing Minnesotans to stay at home except for certain exempted activities and work; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court issued Administrative Orders directing that Minnesota courts take action consistent with the Emergency Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District is taking necessary and reasonable steps to reduce potential exposure of persons to group settings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 484.69, subd. 3, the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District has general administrative authority over the courts in the Second Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections is implementing steps to reduce the risk of infection among both its staff and the individuals in its custody; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections houses individuals who have been adjudicated and sentenced to a year of custody or less at the Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF) in Maplewood, MN; and

WHEREAS, the individuals at RCCF include those who have previously been approved by the court for work or school release. This means that the individual is released from custody during the work-day or school-day but spends the remaining portion of the day in custody at RCCF; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections seeks authority to release all persons who are currently work/school-release approved to electronic home monitoring in an effort to decrease the risk of introducing COVID-19 into RCCF. Similarly, if COVID-19 enters RCCF, an order releasing individuals on work release to electronic home monitoring would decrease the risk of spreading the disease to the community by those individuals who leave the facility for work release; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Ramsey Department of Community Corrections is hereby authorized to release all individuals who are either on work/school release or who are eligible or authorized for work/school release to an electronic home monitoring program for the earlier to occur of (i) the duration of the required term of incarceration for such person; or (ii) the expiration date or rescission date of this Order, in which case the Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections shall order the person to report to the workhouse for the remainder of the required period of incarceration.
2. This Order supersedes the court's December 15, 2020 Third Amended Administrative Order Delegating to the Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections Authority to Place Certain Defendants on Electronic Home Monitoring and Delaying the Turn in Date for Certain Defendants.
3. This Order remains in force and effect until June 15, 2021, or the earlier rescission date or extension date as evidenced by a further court order.

Dated: January 15, 2021

BY THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leonardo Castro', with a large, stylized initial 'L' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leonardo Castro
Chief Judge, Ramsey County