

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

In Re: Dismissal of Non-Targeted Misdemeanor Warrants, Juvenile Warrants and Civil Contempt Warrants

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WHEREAS, the Third Judicial District aims to have consistency throughout the District regarding how active warrants issued for misdemeanor charges, excluding targeted misdemeanors, are handled; and

WHEREAS, targeted misdemeanors are defined as assault, violation of OFP, HRO, or DANCO orders, indecent exposure (MS 617.23) and DWI matters; and

WHEREAS, the Third Judicial District aims to have consistency throughout the District regarding how active juvenile warrants are handled; and

WHEREAS, the Third Judicial District aims to have consistency throughout the District regarding how active civil contempt warrants are handled.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective with the date of this Order, that:

1. Court Administration Offices shall refer active warrants issued for non-targeted misdemeanors to the respective prosecutor five years after warrant issuance; and
  - a. Prosecutors may dismiss the charges, certify the offense as a petty misdemeanor pursuant to Rule 23.04, or request that the warrant remain active for an extension which shall not exceed two years; and
  - b. Non-targeted misdemeanor warrants that have been extended for two years and remain active will be dismissed by the Court along with the original complaint; and

2. Active juvenile warrants shall be referred to the respective prosecutor when the juvenile reaches the age of nineteen for review to determine if the warrant should remain active or to dismiss the charges; and
3. Warrants issued for civil contempt of court shall remain in effect for two years, and then be recalled by (returned to) the Court Administrator's Office for cancellation, unless a Judge of the District otherwise specifically directed at the time the warrant was issued that a particular warrant remain in effect for a specified period of time.
4. At the time that warrants are recalled or returned in accordance with this Policy, Court Administration staff shall determine whether the defendant ever appeared in court, ever posted bail, or breached any condition of release that had been set, and appropriate action shall be taken including the forfeiture of bail.

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Jeffrey D. Thompson, Chief Judge