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**Amended Order Delegating Certain Judicial Release Authority<sup>1</sup>**

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**It Is Hereby Ordered:**

- A. Pursuant to Rule 6.02(1) of the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure, judicial release authority is hereby delegated to screeners designated to vendors providing pretrial services via contract by Ramsey County Community Corrections to work in the jails located in Ramsey County.
- B. The Community Corrections Pretrial Services vendor shall ensure that all screeners are fully trained to conduct a Minnesota Pretrial Evaluation Form and Assessment Tool (MNPAT) pretrial release evaluation and comply with the requirements of this Order.
- C. Defendants arrested for new criminal or traffic offenses or warrants for failure to appear shall be interviewed by The Community Corrections Pretrial Services vendor screeners immediately after booking and charging for the purpose of completing a MNPAT pretrial release evaluation and determining eligibility for release. Defendants arrested on a probation violation shall not be interviewed or considered for release pursuant to this Order.
- D. Community Corrections Pretrial Services screeners are authorized to release a Defendant without bail, bond, or conditions of release as follows:
  1. Any defendant arrested on new charges filed by citation for the following charges:
    - a. Driving After Revocation § 171.24(2); Driving After Suspension § 171.24(1); No Proof of Insurance § 169.791; No Driver's License in Possession § 171.02
  2. Defendants arrested on new charges and new charges have been filed by complaint or citation, **or** the Defendant was arrested on warrant(s) for failure to appear for first appearance or arraignment, **and** the Defendant **both**:
    - a. Scores low risk on the MNPAT pretrial release evaluation, **and**
    - b. Is not charged with:
      - i. A qualified domestic violence-related offense as defined in Minn. Stat. § 609.02, subs. 16.

<sup>1</sup> The Minnesota Judicial Branch has republished this order to make it digitally accessible. There were no substantive changes. This order was previously signed by Chief Judge Leonardo Castro on December 28, 2023, and this order is effective on that date.

- ii. Misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor violation of a harassment restraining order, violation of an order for protection, or indecent exposure.
- iii. First degree driving while impaired or DWI-inimical to public safety.
- iv. A felony, with the exception of an arrest for one of the following offenses: aggravated forgery (609.625); check forgery/offering a forged check (609.631); criminal damage to property (609.595); financial transaction card fraud (609.821); forgery (609.63); fraud in obtaining credit (609.82); gambling (609.76); identity theft (609.527); insurance fraud (609.611); issuance of dishonored check (609.535); issuance of worthless check (604.113); lawful gambling fraud (609.763); medical assistance fraud (609.466); misusing credit card to secure services (609.545); motor vehicle tampering (609.546); obtaining signature by false pretenses (609.635); possession of/receiving stolen property (609.53); possession of shoplifting gear (609.521); residential mortgage fraud (609.822); state lottery fraud (609.651); telecommunications and information services fraud (609.893); theft (609.52); uttering a forged instrument (609.625, subd. 3); wrongfully obtaining assistance (256.98, subd. 1); or wrongfully obtaining unemployment benefits (268.182), except in any case where bail has been set by warrant or complaint in an amount of \$100,000.00 or greater.

E. Community Corrections Pretrial Services release authority under this Order extends only to matters involving new charges filed by complaint or citation in Ramsey County, or Defendants arrested on warrant(s) for failure to appear for first appearance or arraignment, for such a complaint or citation.

F. Notwithstanding the eligibility of a defendant for release pursuant to paragraphs A-E above, a period of preventive detention is hereby allowed until the first court appearance or for 48 hours, including Sundays and holidays, whichever occurs first when:

- a. A suicidal or mentally ill defendant is in custody, such symptoms have been medically verified, and transfer to a qualified medical facility has been arranged; or
- b. There has been a verified threat of future harm to specific individuals and there has been confirmation of the fear of such threat.

G. This order supersedes and replaces any previous order delegating release authority.

January 14, 2025

By the Court:

Sara Grewing  
Chief Judge of District Court