

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
	)	NO.20-002
RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH	)	ARRESTS FOR GROSS
	)	MISDEMEANOR AND
	)	MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES.

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of Washington has declared a state of emergency in all counties due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No.25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to Benton County District Court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Benton County has declared an emergency in response to COVID-19,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, until further notice and effective Tuesday, March 18, 2020:

1. All defendants arrested/cited for misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes, except for Domestic Violence crimes and DUI/Physical Control crimes, will be set for court dates beginning April 24, 2020, and released on their personal recognizance.
2. On any bench warrants served on defendants for misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes, except for Domestic Violence crimes and DUI/Physical Control crimes, the defendant will be booked and released.

This emergency order does not impact Domestic Violence crimes and DUI/Physical Control crimes.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Presiding Judge Terry Tanner