

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF STEVENS

IN THE MATTER OF)
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SUPERIOR COURT'S RESPONSE TO THE) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY)
RE: WARRANT QUASH PROCEDURES) No. 20-2-00001-33
) Document No. 9
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WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington has declared a state of emergency in all counties of Washington due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Stevens County, have also declared a state of emergency due to the same public health concerns; and

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

WHEREAS, with the advice and consent of the Stevens County Prosecutor, Tim Rasmussen, and in consultation with the Stevens County Sheriff, Brad Manke, the Stevens County Superior Court finds that immediate judicial determinations regarding warrant quashes are necessary to further the state and local efforts to combat COVID-19 and to protect the health and welfare of the public and law enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

When law enforcement comes into contact with a defendant who has an active warrant issued by Stevens County Superior Court, they may contact a Stevens County Superior Court judicial officer directly from the field to obtain an immediate judicial determination regarding quashing the warrant. To the extent it is possible, judicial officers will ensure that these communications are recorded and may have them recorded by any reasonable means available.

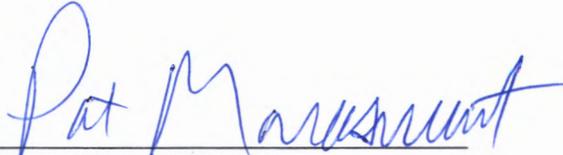
The Court has prepared Motion and Order forms in duplicate for use when a warrant quash is granted, see attached. A copy (yellow page) shall be provided to the defendant and the original (white page) shall be returned to the Superior Court at the earliest available opportunity. The Court will file the original and distribute copies to prosecution and defense counsel.

If a warrant quash is denied, the defendant will appear before the Court on the next judicial day, in accordance with existing court rules governing first appearances after arrest on a warrant.

The Court will seek the advice and consent of the Stevens County Prosecutor and consult with the Stevens County Sheriff, prior to amending or terminating this order. This order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2020.



PATRICK A. MONASMITH
Superior Court Judge



JESSICA T. REEVES
Superior Court Judge, Presiding

By my signature below, I, Brad Manke, Stevens County Sheriff, approve entry of this order and agree to distribute the Court's Motion and Order forms to law enforcement agencies/officers operating in Stevens County and to provide them with contact information for all Stevens County Superior Court judicial officers.



Brad Manke, Stevens County Sheriff

By my signature below, I, Tim Rasmussen, Stevens County Prosecutor, approve entry of this order and waive further notice and opportunity to be heard regarding warrant quash determinations made pursuant to the expedited procedures above.



Tim Rasmussen, Stevens County Prosecutor

