



EL PASO AND TELLER COUNTY COMBINED COURTS, FOURTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO

CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2021-22

RE: PROBATION HOME VISITS

I. BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2021, Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Brian Boatright issued Order Regarding COVID-19 and Operation of Colorado State Probation Departments, providing Chief Judges with the authority to temporarily waive certain FY 2022 Probation Standards during the Pandemic.

Equally important to the public's COVID-19 health concerns is the responsibility of the probation department to provide an appropriate level of supervision and services for all individuals sentenced to supervision, based on the probationer's risk of recidivism and public safety considerations.

The Probation Standards provide that "[a]dherence to the probation standards described herein is contingent upon the availability of adequate funding resources and adequate staffing levels."

II. Order to Waive Standard Requirements Specific to Home Visits


- A. Pursuant to FY 2022 Probation Standards, certain probation caseloads require home visits including 3.11 (Adult), 4.15 (Juvenile), and specialized probation supervision including LS-INT, CC-INT, SOISP, and JISP. Prior to completing home visits, a probation officer must have completed 2.06 Safety Training. The pandemic has created a backlog for this training, and new probation officers are unable to complete this training as timely as they normally would. Consequently, these probation officers cannot conduct home visits on their assigned caseloads. Pursuant to Chief Justice Boatright's June 29, 2021 order and the authority provided to Chief Judges throughout

that order, the 4th Judicial District Probation Department may temporarily suspend in person home visits and comply with the spirit of FY 2022 Probation Standards by utilizing virtual means to complete the home visits, when available, or modifying a home visit to be in compliance with the 2.06 Safety Training.

- B. In determining whether the above referenced home visits will be virtual or modified, Chief Probation Officer Ryan Mills, Deputy Chief Probation Officer Lori Griffith, or their designee, shall consider whether public safety would be compromised.
- C. The 4th Judicial District Probation Officers and Supervisors shall first confer with Chief Probation Officer Ryan Mills or Deputy Chief Probation Officer Lori Griffith, or their designee, before taking any actions that involve modification of the above referenced home visits.

The provisions of this order shall continue until further directive of Chief Justice Boatright, unless otherwise modified or extended by the Chief Judge.

DONE AND SIGNED ON THIS 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.



WILLIAM B. BAIN

Chief Judge

Fourth Judicial District