

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-06 Re COVID-19 ORDER REGARDING CERTAIN ARREST WARRANTS
THROUGH MAY 15, 2020**

This order is being issued to address outstanding warrants issued by the courts in the 7th Judicial District and excludes all outstanding warrants that include an offense listed in C.R.S. Section 24-4.1-302(1) (a "Victim Rights Amendment" offense).

The federal, state, and local governments have declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19. Moreover, federal, state, and local public health departments have issued advisements about measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and precautions to reduce exposure to the virus. Throughout the world, social distancing, quarantines, and isolation are being used to contain the pandemic and limit its impact on public health. The 7th Judicial District Courts are limiting operations to reduce such risks. Finally, the Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, and San Miguel County jails are working to keep incarcerated individuals safe. For these and other reasons the Court enters the following order:

When individuals in the 7th Judicial District who have outstanding warrants issued by the courts in the 7th Judicial District are contacted by police in the 7th Judicial District, the police officers are not mandated to execute the warrants and arrest those individuals, unless the warrant includes an offense listed in C.R.S. Section 24-4.1-302(1), and in that instance the individual must be arrested on the warrant. The police officers will otherwise be permitted to use their discretion in executing the warrants based on community safety concerns. In making that determination, the police officer should consider the offense, the amount of bond required by the court, and any other information known to the officer relevant to the question of whether the individual poses a risk to the public or a risk of absconding. If an individual is not arrested, that individual should be advised of the outstanding warrant and instructed to contact the court which issued the warrant to clear the warrant and obtain a new court date. The warrant shall remain active until the individual has obtained a new court date.

This order expires on May 15, 2020, unless continued by the Chief Judge for continuing COVID-19 concerns.

Dated this the 25th day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge

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