

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

GENERAL ORDER IMPLEMENTING RENEWED EMERGENCY RELIEF (Gov. Code §68115)

GENERAL ORDER 2021-024

CR-21-999999

Given the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, the Stanislaus County Superior Court ("Court") has previously requested emergency authorizations from Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, as Chair of the Judicial Council of California, pursuant to Government Code section 68115. On March 18, 2020, the Chief Justice granted the Court's first request for emergency relief and issued an order authorizing the Court to take emergency measures. The Court implemented this relief via General Order on March 19, 2020. At the Court's request, the

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Chief Justice has issued further emergency orders authorizing the Court to extend various emergency measures on April 16, May 15, June 10, June 12, June 19, July 13, August 11, September 10, October 9, November 9, December 9, 2020, January 7, February 4, March 5, April 2, May 3, June 1, July 1, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 22, and November 18, 2021, respectively, all of which the Court has implemented via General Order.

In addition to the emergency authority the Chief Justice has granted directly to the Court in her court specific emergency orders, on March 30, 2020, the Chief Justice issued a statewide emergency order granting all 58 courts in California additional emergency authority. While certain portions of the Chief Justice's March 30, 2020 statewide emergency order were rescinded effective June 10, 2020, other portions – including the section upon which the Court relies in implementing this General Order - remain in effect.

Because COVID-19 related emergency conditions continue to exist in Stanislaus County, the Court renewed its request for authorization to extend certain emergency measures on December 16, 2021, and on December 17, 2021, the Chief Justice issued an order granting such authority directly to the Stanislaus County Superior Court effective through the dates set forth herein. Now, exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115, the Chief Justice's March 30, 2020, statewide emergency order, and the further December 17, 2021, order of the Chief Justice,

This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Court may hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities from 12/17/2021 to 1/15/2022, inclusive. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1));

- 2. The Court extends the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than thirty (30) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6).) This order applies only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 12/17/2021 to 1/15/2022, inclusive;
- 3. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code within which a trial must be held by thirty (30) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10)). This order applies only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from 12/17/2021 to 1/15/2022, inclusive.
- 4. The Court extends the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from ten (10) court days to not more than thirty (30) court days. (Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, dated March 30, 2020, Section A.1.) This order applies in all cases until revoked or modified by order of this Court or of the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court.
- 5. If the Court determines it is necessary, the Court may declare that from December 17, 2021, to January 15, 2022, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657, if the above-

described emergency conditions prevent the Court from conducting proceedings or accepting filings as necessary to satisfy these deadlines on those dates. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5)).

This order is intended to supplement the statewide orders issued by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court and Emergency Rules of Court adopted by the Judicial Council of California. If there is any conflict between the terms of the statewide orders or Emergency Rules of Court and this order, the statewide orders and Emergency Rules shall control.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 17, 2021



ROBERT B. WESTBROOK, PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT