IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

ORDER RE: ARRESTS ON WARRANTS IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT)) _)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-04

Jay P. Gaskill, Administrative District Judge of the Second Judicial District hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation declaring a national emergency in response to the coronavirus disease outbreak. On March 16, 2020, President Trump issued coronavirus guidelines for America, which among other things, advises to avoid gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Brad Little entered a Proclamation and declared a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus emergency in the State of Idaho. On March 18, 2020, Governor Little adopted the national guidelines.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Idaho Supreme Court issued an order in response to the coronavirus emergency establishing measures for courthouse operations effective Monday, March 16, to Friday, April 10, 2020.

WHEREAS, the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) advises avoiding close contact within about 6 feet of one another.

WHEREAS, some counties in the Second Judicial District have begun limiting public access to their buildings, some of which include the Courts.

WHEREAS, jails in the Second Judicial District are trying to comply with these directives by limiting traffic in and out of the jails.

NOW THEREFORE, in the exercise of discretion and for good cause, based on the forgoing and the enumerated factors in the newly issued I.C.R. 28,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that law enforcement in the Second Judicial District are temporary relieved of their mandatory obligation to effectuate an arrest on any traffic warrants or warrants issued by the courts in the Second Judicial District with a bond of \$1500.00 or less, unless otherwise specifically ordered by a judge. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until April 30, 2020. By entering this order, law enforcement are vested with the discretion on whether to effectuate arrests on these warrants and are encouraged to take into consideration the needs of public safety as well as protection of the integrity of the court system during the pendency of the COVID-19 crisis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that whereas, it is unknown how long the prisoner transportation system will remain running. All out of county misdemeanor warrants should not be confirmed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that law enforcement in the Second Judicial District are allowed to suspend warrant confirmation on our misdemeanors to outside counties.

Dated this 20th day of March 2020.

Jay P Gaskill

Administrative District Judge

cc: District Judges of the Second Judicial District
Magistrate Judges of the Second Judicial District
Elected Clerks of the Second Judicial District
Jury Commissioners of the Second Judicial District
Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts
Roger S. Burdick, Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court