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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY**

IN MATTER OF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC )  
HEALTH EMERGENCY RE: )       EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE  
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 )       ORDER NO. 1  
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WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court issued an emergency order on March 4, 2020 in response to a public health emergency, caused by the coronavirus/COVID-19, that affects the operations of the trial courts in the State of Washington; and

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

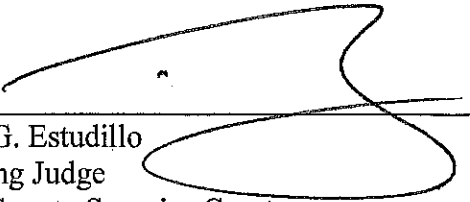
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All jury trials scheduled between the dates of this Order and Friday, May 1, 2020 shall be rescheduled to a date after May 1, 2020.
2. Defendants in criminal matters scheduled for a jury trial between the date of this Order and Friday, May 1, 2020 shall appear on the next hearing date identified in their current Criminal Case Scheduling Order to receive a new trial date. However, defendants willing to have their matter proceed to trial before a Superior Court Judge without a jury can maintain their current trial date with a signed waiver of jury trial.
3. Counsel for defendants who are not in custody are encouraged to work with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to agree to new case scheduling dates that are sometime after May 1, 2020, appropriately staggered so as not to create too large of a congestion on the new dates agreed to.
4. In order to alleviate Criminal Docket caseloads (on Mondays and Tuesdays), Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. shall be reserved for additional criminal

matters. The Court will schedule matters on Wednesdays as it deems necessary and/or prudent depending on identified caseloads. CrR 3.5 and 3.6 hearings may be scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and/or 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

5. Parties in civil matters who currently have a jury trial scheduled between the date of this Order and May 1, 2020 can contact the Court Administrator to schedule a new trial date. Bench Trials are not affected by this Order. All bench trials already scheduled will proceed.
6. Parties involved in family law matters normally scheduled on Fridays are encouraged to schedule all non-emergency motions and hearings to a date after May 1, 2020. The Court Commissioner may continue family law hearings to Thursdays as determined by the Court Commissioner.
7. This Order may be modified as needed and/or additional orders may be entered as the pending public health emergency continues to develop.

ORDER DATED: 3/17/2020

  
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David G. Estudillo  
Presiding Judge  
Grant County Superior Court