

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEFERRAL OF
COMMENCEMENT OF JAIL
SENTENCES FOR DEFENDANTS WITH
PENDING SELF-SURRENDER ORDERS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2020-049

Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide public health emergency. This unprecedented public health crisis presents many difficult challenges to the people of Maricopa County. One such challenge is the prevention of the widespread introduction of the virus into the Maricopa County Jail system, where the potential danger of the virus is heightened. One way to reduce that risk is to reduce the number of new inmates introduced into the jail population. Currently, there are a number of sentenced defendants in the community who have not yet begun to serve their jail sentences. An Order deferring the commencement date of their jail terms for a period of time is warranted to help reduce the risk of the introduction of the virus into the jails.

In the interest of the safety of the Sherriff's Office staff and of the jail population, the Maricopa County Sherriff concurs.

In the interests of public health, the Arizona Attorney General and the Maricopa County Attorney also concur.

The Maricopa County Justices of the Peace and the Municipal Judges in Maricopa County also concur.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED deferring the commencement of all jail terms that are to begin upon the defendant's self-surrender to the Maricopa County Jail between the dates of March 28, 2020 and April 30, 2020 until May 1, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED affirming all existing conditions of release for all deferred defendants for the duration of the deferment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order modifies any other aspect of the underlying order of incarceration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order precludes any jurisdiction from setting a new self-surrender date or resetting any existing self-surrender date to a date beyond May 1, 2020.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2020

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: All Superior Court Criminal Department Judges and Commissioners
All Justices of the Peace in Maricopa County
All Municipal Court Judges in Maricopa County
Hon. Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General
Hon. Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney
Sheriff Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sherriff
Christina Phillis, Office of Public Defense Services
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