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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF KITSAP

IN RE THE KITSAP COUNTY
COURTHOUSE AND THE
PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF THE
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
(COVID-19)

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER: 2020-24

SECOND AMENDED EMERGENCY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:
BENCH WARRANTS IN CIVIL
CONTEMPT MATTERS

WHEREAS the Washington State Supreme Court has entered AMENDED THIRD REVISED AND EXTENDED ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS, Order No. 25700-B-626, limiting in paragraph 14 of that Order the issuance of bench warrants, and the court further states in paragraph 22 of that Order:

“The Court recognizes that there are procedural issues in...child support, and other matters that may not be encompassed in this Order. Nothing in this Order limits other interested parties in submitting similar orders tailored to the unique circumstances of those matters and any other matters not contemplated by this Order...”

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. Those persons subject to arrest on a Kitsap County Superior Court Bench Warrant in family law matters related to civil contempt cases initiated by the State of Washington shall not be arrested or booked into the Kitsap County Jail until after July 31, 2020.
2. “Family law matters” are defined as those Kitsap County Superior Court matters where the bench warrant has a cause number the third digit of which is 3 or 5 (i.e. XX-3-XXXXX-XX or XX-5-XXXXX-XX).
4. “Civil contempt cases initiated by the State of Washington” are family law matters as defined above where the plaintiff listed on the Bench Warrant Order is the State of Washington.
5. The warrant itself shall not be executed and remains active until otherwise ordered by this court.
6. This order may be further extended or modified as necessary.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 1, 2020


Kevin D. Hull, Presiding Judge
Kitsap County Superior Court