

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

)	NO. 26-06
)	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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)	CLOSING CRIMINAL CASES MORE
)	THAN TEN YEARS OLD
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The Court shall complete an annual review of criminal cases ten (10) years or older to ensure accurate and timely case closure. During this review, the Court shall identify cases that remain open solely due to outstanding financial obligations, including fines, costs, fees, and assessments, but excluding restitution. No extension of financial judgment has been filed.

This General Administrative Order will facilitate and expedite the final resolution and closure of these criminal cases.

It is ordered that when the finding of guilty or guilty plea was entered ten (10) or more years ago, without jurisdiction tolling due to bench warrants, the clerk shall then close the case, recall all Failure to Appear, remove any outstanding balances from collections, and vacate all remaining fines, costs, fees and assessments only if the following conditions are met:

- A sentence was imposed;
- There are no outstanding bench warrants;
- There are no upcoming or scheduled court dates;
- There is no unpaid restitution remaining; and
- The judgment imposing fines, costs, fees and assessments was entered ten (10) or more years ago, is not in garnishment, and no order extending financial judgment has been filed.

If any one of the above conditions are not met, the case shall be set for judicial review.

DATED this 20th day of August of 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rebecca Robertson".

Rebecca Robertson, Chief Presiding Judge
King County District Court