

**KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE**

) **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE**
) **ORDER**
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) **NO. 16-03**
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) **ORDER AUTHORIZING**
) **RELEASE ON PERSONAL**
) **RECOGNIZANCE OF CERTAIN**
) **DEFENDANTS**

This matter is before the King County District Court [KCDC] relating to release on personal recognizance [PR] of defendants who have a bench warrant issued by the KCDC. Pursuant to King County Code Title 2.68, the KCDC is a unified court system. The Court has determined that in the interests of justice, and consistent with King County’s Social Justice and Equity principles, it is important to have a uniform, accessible and efficient court-wide procedure for defendants requesting the quashing of bench warrants upon their first failure to appear on certain types of cases.

A. RELEASE ON PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all defendants who have a bench warrant issued by the KCDC, who meet the following criteria, are deemed eligible for release upon their personal appearance at any KCDC courthouse upon presenting themselves to the clerk and signing a promise to appear for the next scheduled court date.

1. The warrant was issued out of the KCDC upon a complaint or citation filed by the State of Washington, King County or a current or former contracting municipality the municipalities of Auburn, Beau Arts, Bellevue, Burien, Carnation, Covington, Duvall, Kenmore, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish and Woodinville;
2. The bail amount for the warrant not exceed \$2499 cash or bond;
3. The bench warrant was the first warrant issued on the case.
4. The warrant is not for an offense involving driving under the influence [DUI]; physical control [PC]; driving while suspended in the first degree [DWLS 1];

domestic violence [DV]; harassment; stalking; weapons; or violation of any criminal or civil harassment, no contact, stalking, restraining or protection order;

5. The defendant is not obviously under the influence of drugs or alcohol when he or she appears before the clerk; if there is a question of whether defendant is under the influence of drugs or alcohol the judge will be notified.
6. The defendant provides a current mailing address, or phone number with text messaging capabilities, or email address.
7. A review of the Judicial Access Browser System [JABS] does not show the defendant has an active bench warrant with a Municipal Court participating in the King County Interjurisdictional bench warrant quash Memorandum of Agreement [MOU].

Those Courts are:

Algona & Pacific
Black Diamond
Bothell
Des Moines & Normandy Park
Enumclaw
Federal Way
Issaquah
Kent/Maple Valley
Kirkland
Lake Forest Park
Mercer Island & Newcastle
Renton
SeaTac
Seattle Municipal
Tukwila

8. If the defendant has an active case in a KCDC courthouse and meets the above bench warrant quash criteria for a "Clerk PR", but does not have an active case in the particular King County courthouse where he/she appears, the clerk may quash the bench warrant at that courthouse location but the defendant will receive notice to appear at the designated KCDC courthouse handling the case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the defendant satisfies these PR criteria, a KCDC court clerk, manager or coordinator is authorized to recall the bench warrant and issue the

defendant a written notice to appear for the appropriate hearing at the designated KCDC courthouse.

If the defendant does not meet the above criteria, unless the bench warrant is “NO BAIL”, the defendant shall receive written notice to appear for a bench warrant quash calendar at the designated KCDC courthouse.

If the bench warrant is “NO BAIL” the clerk shall immediately contact the court manager or coordinator who will then contact the King County Marshall to have the defendant taken into custody on the warrant. The clerk shall then schedule a hearing on next appropriate calendar for the defendant to address the failure to appear.

B. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ORDERS.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all prior Administrative Orders, policies or directives on this subject matter are hereby rescinded.

ORDERED this 25 day of ~~August~~ 2016.



Judge Donna K. Tucker
Chief Presiding Judge

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Of Certain Defendants