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**Cheryl Crowder  
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11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
ST CHARLES COUNTY**

**IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-017**

**In Re: COVID-19  
WARRANTS, EXTRADITIONS, SERVICE OF PROCESS AND MEDICAL  
FURLOUGHS**

**This Order supersedes Administrative Order 2020-13**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic, and the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Missouri and the St. Charles County Executive have, accordingly, declared a state of emergency, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Supreme Court, pursuant to its Order dated April 17, 2020 has suspended all in-person proceedings in all courts and instructed courts in this state to “prepare for potential infection in their community”, and;

**WHEREAS**, the suspension of in-person proceedings is subject to the following exceptions:

- Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants including the right to a speedy trial, and the rights afforded under Section 544.676.3;
- Proceedings pursuant to Chapters 210 and 211 pertaining to juvenile delinquency and abuse, neglect, and termination of parental rights;
- Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 453 pertaining to adoption;
- Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 455 RSMo pertaining to Orders of Protection;
- Proceedings related to emergency child custody orders;
- Proceedings related to petitions for temporary restraining orders or other forms of temporary injunctive relief;
- Proceedings related to emergency mental health orders;
- Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 475 for emergency guardianship or conservatorship;
- Proceedings directly related to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Oral arguments related to time-sensitive matters, and;
- Other exceptions approved by the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to take steps to protect the health and safety of all employees of the 11th Judicial Circuit, all judicial officers and all attorneys and parties who have court hearings or other business in this Judicial Circuit while also balancing the rights of all said individuals and parties to litigation, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and necessary to take quick action to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and;

**WHEREAS**, the unprecedented circumstances existing at this time warrant this administrative action, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Court desires to employ all reasonable and prudent measures to help protect the general public, litigants, lawyers, and employees from the spread of COVID-19 creating this emergency, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Presiding Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit has the authority over dockets of this Circuit, including all St. Charles County Municipal Courts, to enter Orders affecting the general scheduling of cases in this Circuit.

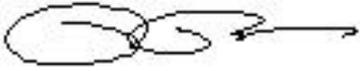
**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

Effective immediately through May 15, 2020, which may be extended by subsequent Administrative Order as circumstances may warrant:

1. Service of process by the Sheriff of St. Charles County on all civil litigation matters not falling within the cases excepted herein is hereby suspended until further notice, except for good cause shown.
2. Service of process by the Sheriff of St. Charles County on all warrants in criminal cases other than cases involving A or B felonies or any cases involving sex crimes, not including failure to register, and crimes of violence, including, but not limited to, assault, domestic assault, child abuse and neglect, and any crimes involving armed criminal action or use of a deadly weapon, and service of subpoenas in criminal cases are hereby suspended until further notice, except for good cause shown.
3. The St. Charles County Sheriff's Department shall not leave the State of Missouri to transport an out-of-county defendant being held on a warrant issued out of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, St. Charles County Circuit Court, on criminal cases.
4. If the St. Charles County Sheriff determines that extradition of an individual within the state of Missouri, or service of any warrant issued by a judge of this Court, will expose sheriff's personnel or inmates within the St. Charles County Department Of Corrections to a pandemic disease they may seek emergency leave of court to delay or suspend extradition or service.
5. For all warrants for failure to appear issued by a judge of this Court, the St. Charles County Sheriff and/or St. Charles County Director of Corrections may, at their discretion, release the defendant without processing the warrant with the following conditions: the defendant shall provide their current address and phone number which shall be forwarded to the Circuit Clerk for inclusion in the Court file. Upon release the Sheriff or Director of Corrections shall provide the defendant with a new court date as provided by the Circuit Clerk.
6. The St. Charles County Sheriff shall temporarily suspend the execution of any writs of restitution, writs of replevin, writs of attachment, writs of partition and any other writs of execution that require them to come into direct contact with the general public.

This Order may be extended by further order of the Presiding Judge.

**SO ORDERED:**

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DANIEL G. PELIKAN  
PRESIDING JUDGE

DATED: April 22, 2020