

**DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES  
WESTERN REGION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 2022-4**

**SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021-3**

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**TOPIC:** Emergency Release Plan                      **DATE:** January 29, 2016  
**REVISED:** February 7, 2022

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**SUBJECT:** Procedures for Emergency Release from Grand Mesa Youth Services Center

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**INTRODUCTION:**

The DYS Western Region Detention Catchment Area includes 18 counties located in six (6) Judicial Districts, including the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Districts. The counties are: Moffat, Routt, Grand, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Pitkin, Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray, San Miguel, La Plata, Archuleta, San Juan, Montezuma, and Dolores.

The Western Region Catchment Area has capacity for a maximum of nineteen (19) detention beds. The beds are located at Grand Mesa Youth Services Center (GMYSO). The DYS Western Region only has secure detention capacity and it is provided by the following facility: The Grand Mesa Youth Services Center located at 360 28 Road in Grand Junction.

The original SB91-94 legislation called for the development of emergency release criteria to manage detention populations. As a result, a report detailing guidelines for emergency release was prepared by a joint committee of the Department of Human Services and the State Judicial Department in 1991. CRS 19-2-924 continues to provide for the development of emergency release criteria and procedures. With that report serving as the guideline the following implementing procedures shall be implemented if the detention populations at GMYSO would be exceeded by the admission of one or more youth.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Emergency release: The process of reviewing the profile of juveniles being held in secure detention when the numbers of youth being detained reaches a level of “crisis overcrowding.”

Crisis overcrowding: 100% of bed capacity. The detention bed capacity at Grand Mesa Youth Services Center is 19. In order to anticipate possible overcrowding situations, when the population reaches 17 youth for

the region, referral for emergency release planning shall be instituted.

Priority for Release:

The order of priority for considering juveniles for emergency release as outlined in the “Report to the General Assembly concerning the Emergency Release of Juvenile Offenders from State Institutional and Regional Detention Facilities Funded by the State.”

1. Municipal, Traffic, Game & Fish
2. Pretrial Misdemeanor
3. Sentenced Youth, either statutory or contempt
4. Probation Violation Holds
5. Failure to appear holds
6. Pretrial felony holds
7. Pretrial committed holds

Release Consideration

Factors:

The “Report to the General Assembly Concerning the Emergency Release of Juvenile Offenders from State Institutional and Regional Detention Facilities Funded by the State” identified the following factors, which should be considered when making a recommendation for early emergency release:

1. The type and seriousness of the offense
2. Prior adjudications and what type of offenses
3. Stability of the family or custodian to whom the juvenile will be released
4. Identification of any special needs, e.g., drug/alcohol, sex offender, mental health

Release Plan:

As recommended by the “Report to the General Assembly Concerning the Emergency Release of Juvenile Offenders from State Institutional and Regional Detention Facilities Funded by the State,” the Release Plan prepared by the local Judicial District’s detention case manager and submitted to the court for consideration of emergency release shall include, at a minimum, the following items as:

1. For pretrial juveniles, a bonding recommendation with appropriate conditions (Refer to CRS 19-2-302 [4]).
2. For sentenced juvenile offenders, a detailed supervision plan.
3. Notification to parents of the juvenile being released.

Catchment Areas:

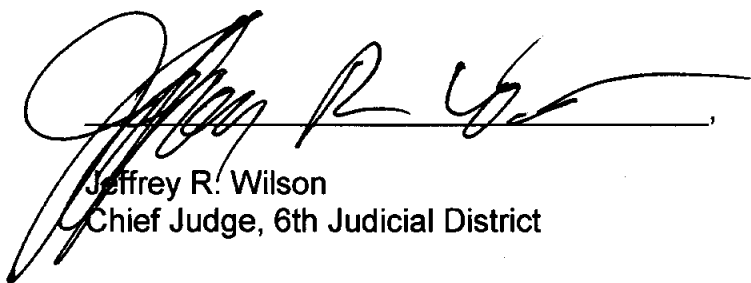
CRS 19-2-402.5 provides for the identification of catchment areas for detention facilities operated by or under contract with the

Department of Human Services. GMYSC has been identified to provide detention services for the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

**EMERGENCY RELEASE ACTION STEPS:**

<b><u>Action Step</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Party</u></b>
1. Assure that GMYSC has current and accurate information on the reason each youth is being held in detention. (All pending charges, sentencing status, length of sentence, etc.)	Local CYDC Detention Screeners and CYDC Case Managers and Coordinator
2. Review detention population numbers and determine that potential overcrowding exists.	GMYSC
3. Review roster of detainees and determine the level of "Priority for Release" of each youth.	GMYSC/CYDC and local CYDC Detention Screeners
4. Notify the local Judicial District CYDC detention Case Managers of the need to develop "Release Plans."	GMYSC
5. Review and access each potential emergency release candidate based upon "Release Consideration Factors."	Local CYDC Detention Case Managers and Coordinator
6. Develop a "Release Plan" which includes, at a minimum, the basic items required for a release plan and any appropriate utilization of local alternative programs developed through CYDC funding, such as work programs.	Local CYDC Detention Case Managers and Coordinator
7. Present "Release Plan" to the court through locally agreed upon procedures.	Local CYDC Detention Case Managers and Coordinator
8. Review and Approval of the Emergency Release Plan as presented if emergency release becomes necessary.	Court with Jurisdiction over the case.
9. Notification to GMYSC of Court approval of Release Plan, including details of the Release Plan.	Local CYDC Detention Case Manager and Coordinator
10. Implementation of the Release Plan if "Emergency Release" capacity is reached or if otherwise ordered by the Court.	GMYSC and Local CYDC Detention Case Manager
11. Notification to parents of juvenile that is to be released.	GMYSC and Local CYDC Detention Case Manager

So Ordered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022



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