

CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2020-04 (REVISED) STATE OF COLORADO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COVID-19 ORDER REGARDING ARREST WARRANTS THROUGH MAY 1, 2020 (REVISED)

On March 18, 2020, the court issued CJO 2020-04. This revised order is being issued to clarify that the court's order: (1) is limited to outstanding warrants issued by the courts in the First Judicial District (Jefferson and Gilpin counties); and (2) excludes all outstanding warrants that include an offense listed in C.R.S. § 24-4.1-302(1) (a "Victim Rights Amendment" offense). This revised order replaces the original CJO 2020-04 (which is no longer in effect).

As noted in prior orders, the federal, state, and local governments have declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19. Moreover, federal, state, and local public health departments have issued advisements about measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and precautions to reduce exposure to the virus. Throughout the world, social distancing, quarantines, and isolation are being used to contain the pandemic and limit its impact on public health. The First Judicial District Courts are limiting operations to reduce such risks. Finally, the Jefferson and Gilpin County jails are working to keep incarcerated individuals safe. For these and other reasons, the court enters the following orders.

When individuals in the First Judicial District who have outstanding warrants issued by the courts in the First Judicial District (Jefferson and Gilpin counties) are contacted by police, the police officers are not mandated to execute the warrants and arrest those individuals, unless the warrant includes an offense listed in C.R.S. § 24-4.1-302(1), and in that instance the individual must be arrested on the warrant. The police officers will be permitted to use their discretion in executing the warrants based on community safety concerns. In making that determination, the police

officers should consider the offense, the amount of bond required by the court, and any other information known to the officer relevant to the question of whether the individual poses a risk to the public or a risk of absconding. If an individual is not arrested, that individual should be advised of the outstanding warrant and encouraged to go to the courthouse on their own to clear the warrant.

This revised order expires on May 1, 2020, unless continued by the Chief Judge for COVID-19 concerns.

March 23, 2020

Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge

First Judicial District