

CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2019-10 STATE OF COLORADO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF PRE-TRIAL RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

WHEREAS, the Judges of the First Judicial District are committed to increasing public safety and the integrity of the judicial system through maintaining the effective administration of justice, maintaining high court appearance rates and ensuring that impoverished people are not held in custody unnecessarily; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee has been proactive in pursuing improvements to the administration of bail based on evidence-based practices; and

WHEREAS, prior Chief Judge Orders 2011-02 and 2013-06 have amended bail setting practices in the First Judicial District and need to again be updated in adherence to best practice standards on the administration of bail and the pre-trial process; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Legislature has enacted new statutory guidelines, including House Bill 19-1225; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 16-4-103(1) allows the Court to designate any person to set bond;

It is therefore ordered that Pre-trial Officers employed by Jefferson County Justice Services are hereby designated as bonding commissioners pursuant to C.R.S. 16-4-103(1) and are authorized to set bonds in the First Judicial District in certain cases based on criteria approved by the Chief Judge in consultation with the Jefferson County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

Done at Golden, Colorado this 30th day of December 2019.

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