

**FILED**  
Clerk of the Superior Court

DEC 31 2020

By: A. Husted, Deputy

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**CENTRAL DIVISION**

**IN RE: 60-DAY ACCELERATED RELEASE ) GENERAL ORDER OF THE PRESIDING**  
**OF SENTENCED COUNTY JAIL INMATES ) DEPARTMENT**  
**DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ) ORDER NO. 010121-46**

Due to the life-threatening COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of California has declared a state of emergency in this state. The President of the United States has also declared a national emergency. Based on the pandemic, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended increasingly stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people, and encourage vulnerable individuals to avoid public spaces. The San Diego County jails are clearly places at high risk during this pandemic because they require the housing of individuals in close quarters.

On March 20, 2020, the Chief Justice of California issued an advisory recommending steps superior courts could take to mitigate the spread of the virus. Courts were “strongly encourage[d]” to “[w]ith the assistance of justice partners, identify those persons currently in county jail or juvenile hall custody who have less than 60 days remaining on their jail sentence for the purpose of

1 modifying their sentences to permit early release of such persons with or without supervision or to  
2 community-based organizations for treatment.”

3 Finally, since late March 2020, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
4 has severely restricted, and for some periods entirely suspended, the intake of inmates into the state  
5 prison. Thus, some inmates who have been sentenced to state prison remain in the county jails  
6 indefinitely.

7 Based on the above, there is an immediate and continuing need to protect the health and  
8 safety of the jail population and staff, by reducing the jail population, in order to help prevent the  
9 spread of the coronavirus. To accomplish this goal, and in accord with the Chief Justice’s advisory  
10 of March 20, 2020, this court hereby authorizes the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department to  
11 accelerate the release of sentenced county jail inmates up to 60 days from when they would  
12 otherwise be released, except that no inmate may receive the benefit of early release pursuant to  
13 both this order and Penal Code § 4024.1.

14 In addition to any other notice required by law, the Sheriff’s Department shall, no later than  
15 24 hours prior to the release of any inmate pursuant to this order, notify the San Diego District  
16 Attorney, the San Diego City Attorney, and the San Diego Office of the Public Defender. The  
17 Sheriff shall insure that notification procedures made pursuant to VINE reflect the accelerated  
18 release dates.

19 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2021,  
20 INCLUSIVE.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22  
23 DATED: December 31, 2020

24  
25   
26 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 HONORABLE LORNA A. ALKSNE  
28 PRESIDING JUDGE