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3 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
4 COUNTY OF LAKE
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6 GENERAL ORDER ON MANAGEMENT OF MISDEMEANOR DISPOSITION AND
7 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE CALENDAR DURING TIME PERIOD OF
8 EMERGENCY RELIEF ORDERS
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10 In supplement to the Emergency Relief Implementation Orders and
11 the Temporary Order Restricting Access made by this Court, and to
12 increase the scope of services that may be rendered by the Court in
13 compliance with state and local Emergency Declarations and Orders
14 of the Public Health Officer regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, and
15 pursuant to California Rules of Court, Emergency Rule 3 and 5, and
16 the Orders of the Chief Justice, dated March 23 and April 29,
17 regarding suspension of criminal jury trials, pending further order
18 of the Court, it is ordered as follows:
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20 1. The Court will be calling and hearing those matters
21 presently set for hearing on the Misdemeanor Disposition and
22 Settlement Conference calendars commencing with the Disposition /
23 Setting calendar set for May 11, 2020, commencing at 8:15 am in
24 Department 1 and the Settlement Conference calendar commencing May
25 12, 1:30 pm in Department 1.
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27 2. The attendance at the hearing and participation in the
28 hearing shall be by Remote Appearance. All appearances by counsel
29 shall be by audio/video or telephonic means only.
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1 3. A remote appearance by counsel of record is directed in all
2 cases. Any order for the personal appearance of the defendant at a
3 Disposition or Settlement Conference calendar conducted pursuant to
4 this General Order is hereby vacated. The personal appearance of
5 the defendant in court is not permitted for these proceedings.
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7 4. The Deputy District Attorney handling the case for the
8 People and Counsel for the Defendant shall meet and confer, by
9 remote means, in advance of the hearing date and reasonably act in
10 a good faith effort to resolve the case prior to the hearing by
11 negotiated disposition. The Court will expect that a timely
12 authorized offer has been communicated by the Deputy District
13 Attorney and that Counsel for Defendant has communicated with the
14 assigned Deputy District Attorney in response to the offer,
15 including an authorized counter-offer to resolve the case.
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17 5. The Disposition and Settlement Conference is intended to
18 provide court intervention to encourage and facilitate expeditious
19 settlement without trial of pending cases which have not been
20 resolved prior to the time of the hearing. Counsel participating in
21 the hearing shall have authority to settle the case. The court
22 urges Counsel for Defendant to arrange to have telephonic contact
23 available with their client during the time of the hearing to fully
24 engage in authorized settlement discussions.
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26 6. In the event a case is settled prior to the time of the
27 hearing, every attempt should be made by Counsel to complete and
28 submit the waiver and plea form prior to the date of the hearing.
29 If settled during the hearing, counsel shall announce for the
30 record the terms of the disposition and the time needed to submit

1 to the court a written waiver and plea form. The case may then be
2 set for a further hearing date selected by the court for entry of
3 the negotiated plea and sentencing.

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5 7. In the event a case is not settled prior to the hearing and
6 is not settled with court participation at the hearing, the case
7 shall be set for trial assignment conference and a trial date to be
8 selected by the court. A further Disposition or Settlement
9 Conference shall not be set in the case.

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11 8. The remote appearance shall be arranged by the court
12 utilizing an audio/video teleconferencing platform and instructions
13 provided to the participants on accessing the service. The service
14 shall provide for each party to participate in the hearing in real
15 time in the audio and visual transmission and provide for the
16 statements of each participant to be heard and identified by all
17 other participants and court staff. The remote appearances shall be
18 scheduled by the court to provide each Defense Counsel a dedicated
19 block of time on the calendar to handle his or her cases on the
20 calendar.

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22 9. In order to communicate confidentially between counsel and
23 the Defendant, counsel and Defendant will need to make independent
24 arrangements to have private telephone contact with each other
25 during the hearing.

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29 DATED: APRIL 30, 2020



SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Michael S. Lunas