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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:) Supreme Court of Guam
AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE) Administrative Order No. ADM20-402
ORDER NO. ADM 20-399)
RELATIVE TO WARRANT)
RETURNS) **AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER¹**
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Responding to the return of Guam to Pandemic Condition of Readiness 1 effective August 16, 2020, by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* in Executive Order No. 2020-27, and the further closure of all government operations except functions critical to the health and safety of the community by *I Maga'håga* effective noon on August 21, 2020, in Executive Order No. 2020-28, the Supreme Court of Guam issued Administrative Order No. ADM20-399 (Fifth Updated Order Relative to Court Operations Under Exigent Circumstances Related to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)) on August 21, 2020, closing all but essential court operations until at least August 31, 2020.

Under ADM20-399, all warrant returns were designated essential court matters. To further reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, the court finds that it is necessary to limit the execution of warrants to criminal warrants and exclude non-criminal warrants, such as warrants related to traffic violations (moving and non-moving violations), child support, failure to pay restitution, fines, or court costs, debt collection cases, and failure to appear where such an excluded warrant would be the sole cause of the detention or arrest of a person. With this consideration in mind, the court **ORDERS** as follows:

¹ This Amended Administrative Order is issued to correct a typographical error on Paragraph 1.a. of this court's Administrative Order issued on August 25, 2020. Nothing else has been amended or altered from the original Administrative Order.



1 1. Paragraphs 3.g. and 4 of this court’s Administrative Order No. ADM 20-399 are
2 amended as follows:

3 a. 3.g. Criminal Warrant returns and non-criminal warrant returns
4 executed on a person with a criminal warrant or who has otherwise been detained.
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6 b. 4. All other Supreme Court and Superior Court matters scheduled to
7 be heard between August 21, 2020, and August 31, 2020, are postponed and shall not be
8 heard before August 31, 2020. These include, but are not limited to, criminal and civil
9 trials, arraignments, appellate arguments, motion hearings, probate proceedings, child
10 support hearings and other non-criminal warrant returns.
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12 2. Until August 31, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., in the event that any law enforcement makes
13 contact with a person who only has a non-criminal warrant, that person may be released on the
14 non-criminal warrant and the non-criminal warrant shall remain active. If the person has both a
15 criminal warrant and non-criminal warrant, law enforcement shall execute the return on both
16 warrants.
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18 3. All other provisions and requirements of ADM20-399 shall remain in effect.
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20 **SO ORDERED** this 26th day of August, 2020.
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 /s/
25 **ROBERT J. TORRES**
 Associate Justice

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 /s/
25 **KATHERINE A. MARAMAN**
 Associate Justice

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 /s/
28 **F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO**
 Chief Justice