

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

UPDATED ORDER RELATIVE TO) WARRANT RETURNS UNDER)

EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO COVID-19

(CORONAVIRUS)

) Supreme Court of Guam) Administrative Order No. ADM21-733

Because of public health concerns arising from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) global pandemic, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* declared a state of public health emergency on March 14, 2020, and has issued a series of executive orders to stem the spread of the virus. In line with the various executive orders, the court, under its jurisdiction to issue orders in aid of its supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court of Guam and all other courts of the judicial branch of Guam, issued several administrative orders adopting various measures to protect the public health, the most recent of these orders being Administrative Order No. ADM21-726, which suspended until September 20, 2021, the execution of non-criminal warrants where such a warrant would be the sole cause of the detention or arrest of a person.

Because Guam's rates of COVID-19 transmission and hospitalization continue to rise, the court finds that it is necessary to extend the suspension of the execution of non-criminal warrants, including those 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. With these considerations in mind, the court **ORDERS** as follows:

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1. Until November 29, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., in the event that any law enforcement makes contact with a person who has only a non-criminal warrant, that person may be released on the non-criminal warrant, and the non-criminal warrant shall remain active.

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If the person has both a criminal warrant and a non-criminal warrant, law enforcement shall execute the return on both warrants.

2. This Order shall be effective on September 21, 2021. The court's Seventeenth Updated Order of July 30, 2021, and Eighteenth Updated Order of August 25, 2021, remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order.

3. This Order will be revised as circumstances warrant.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of September 2021.

/s/ ROBERT J. TORRES Associate Justice /s/ KATHERINE A. MARAMAN Associate Justice

/s/ F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO Chief Justice