

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO HENNEPIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO PUT DEFENDANTS ON ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING IN LIEU OF ADULT CORRECTIONS FACILITY (WORKHOUSE) TIME OR DELAY THEIR REPORT DATE TO WORKHOUSE

STANDING ORDER

WHEREAS, the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Minnesota has resulted in the declaration of a peacetime emergency pursuant to the issuance of Executive Order 20-01 by Governor Tim Walz on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District Court is taking necessary and reasonable steps to reduce potential exposure of persons to large group settings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §484.60, subd. 3, the chief judge of the district has general administrative authority over the courts in the judicial district; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections is responsible for the operations of the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility (ACF), where, by district court judge order, persons may be incarcerated there for periods up to 365 days, and those orders may bar such persons from being released on electronic home monitoring (EHM), and commitment orders must also specify the date the person is to report to the ACF.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that:

1. The Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections is hereby authorized to override individual judges' orders directing that EHM is not permitted to be used for a specific individual otherwise scheduled to be incarcerated at the ACF, but who has work (Huber) privileges, and to place such person(s) on electronic home monitoring for the earlier to occur of (i) the duration of the required term of incarceration for such person; or (ii) the expiration date or rescission date of this Order, in which case the DOCCR shall order the person to report to the workhouse for the remainder of the required period of incarceration.
2. Further, the Department of Community Corrections (DOCCR) is authorized to delay the report date of any person(s) scheduled to report to the ACF on and after the date of this Order until the expiration date or rescission date of this Order.

3. DOCCR shall promptly (at least twice daily-noon and 4 pm) advise Fourth Judicial District Criminal Court Administration (by email to Fred Hendrickson, Lidia Morales and Shannon Cooper) of the details of any exercise of the authority granted in this Order (MNCIS case number, name of defendant, specific change authorized, delayed report date/time selected).
4. This Order remains in full force and effect until April 15, 2020, or the earlier rescission date or extension date as evidenced by a further court order.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: March 16, 2020

Ivy S. Bernhardson
Chief Judge of District Court