

Approved and adopted by Chief Judge 3rd Judicial District this 27th day of March, 2020.



Jennifer R. Dorow
Chief Judge
3rd Judicial District

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

20-SO-14 (67)
WAUKESHA COUNTY

**ORDER REGARDING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY MEASURES
REGARDING MUNICIPAL WARRANTS**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) due to widespread human infection worldwide, and Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers and Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow have declared public health emergencies, respectively, for the State and County of Waukesha;

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Circuit Court System issued an Order Regarding Emergency Temporary Services, 20-SO-06 (67), on March 13, 2020, declaring emergency temporary measures from March 13, 2020, through April 12, 2020, and that emergency timeframe was extended through May 10, 2020, by the Court’s Supplemental Order Regarding Emergency Temporary Services, 20-SO-06 (67) A, effective March 18, 2020;

WHEREAS, Governor Evers has issued Executive Order Number 9 implementing a moratorium on admissions to the state prisons and juvenile facilities operated by the Department of Corrections to mitigate the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the health and safety of Waukesha County’s Jail staff, supervisors, and inmates, as well as all law enforcement agents is of the utmost importance to our Courts and the citizens of Waukesha County;

WHEREAS, the introduction of new inmates into the Waukesha County jail system or any other Jail system may increase health risks to the current staff and occupants in the system and the Court and the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department believes it is in the best interest of all of the parties and public to suspend certain previously authorized warrants and executions for certain offenses;

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge has administratively authority over the Third Judicial Administrative District, including municipal courts, pursuant to SCR 70.19(1) and SCR 70.20(2); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge, having considered the issue and the public health concerns finds the following temporary measure to be necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the execution of all municipal warrants issued by any municipal judge within District 3 shall be stayed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order prohibits the execution of any warrant if an individual is otherwise taken into custody, at the discretion of law enforcement, for a separate criminal offense.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department shall advise all other county law enforcement agencies of the current status of these outstanding warrants and executions, and the District Court Administrator so advise all municipal judges within District 3. Moreover, this Order and the information herein shall be relayed to other law enforcement agencies or agents during the confirmation process for any outstanding Waukesha County warrant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this stay of warrants and executions shall remain in effect through May 10, 2020, or until further Order of the Court.