

**STATE OF TEXAS** )(  
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**AND** )(  
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**COUNTY OF TRAVIS** )(  
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**IN THE**  
**COUNTY COURTS OF LAW**  
**HANDLING CRIMINAL CASES**

**STANDING ORDER FOR PERSONAL BONDS  
ON MISDEMEANOR CASES IN TRAVIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW**

In the interest of justice and fairness for all persons accused of misdemeanor crimes, the Travis County Court at Law Judges, having been notified in writing that the Travis County Attorney does not object to the adoption of this Order, have determined that all persons arrested for misdemeanor crimes should be released on personal bonds except for in the instances listed in this Standing Order. The procedures to be followed are outlined below:

The magistrates who review probable cause affidavits and conduct magistration on misdemeanors in Travis County determine the amount and conditions of bail in accordance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) and the Texas and United States Constitutions. This Standing Order provides that all persons charged with Class A and Class B misdemeanor cases in Travis County are pre-approved for a personal bond except for in the following instances:

Penal Code Chapter 22 – Assaultive Offenses

Penal Code 25.07 – Violation of Protective Order cases

Penal Code 49.09(a) – DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> cases if the prior DWI conviction was within the past five years

Texas Education Code Section 37.125(a)(3) – Threat to Exhibit or Use a Firearm in a School or Bus

Persons who are already out on a bond or are currently on probation or parole

Persons who have had a bond forfeiture warrant or a bond revocation capias issued for this case

Persons who have other holds preventing release

Persons arrested on other charges for which personal bond is not granted pursuant to this Order

Persons that Pretrial Services believe present an imminent danger to the community

This Standing Order does not diminish the statutory authority of any magistrate to grant personal bonds on the excepted cases pursuant to their authority under CCP Chapter 17 with the bond conditions the magistrate believes are required by law or serve the interests of justice.

All the requirements and conditions of the bond previously set by the magistrate remain in effect. Pretrial Services shall recommend to the trial court any additional, appropriate conditions at any time after the arrested person is released pursuant to this Order.

If a law enforcement officer, attorney, or Magistrate has reason to believe that a particular person presents an imminent danger to the community, or that the misdemeanor will be enhanced as a hate crime, or that particular conditions should be attached to a bond, they should notify Pretrial Services.

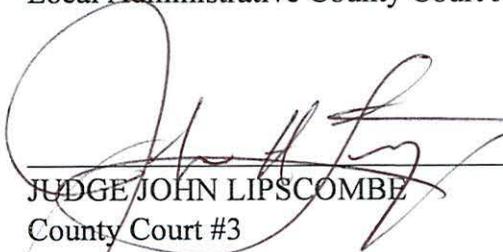
IT IS ORDERED that all persons arrested on misdemeanor crimes meeting the above conditions shall be released on a personal bond approved by the undersigned judges.

A copy of this Standing Order shall be transmitted to Pretrial Services and the Sheriff of Travis County. This Order is effective immediately.

SIGNED AND ORDERED AND ENTERED THE 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



JUDGE ELISABETH EARLE  
Local Administrative County Court Judge/County Court #7



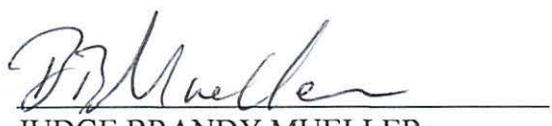
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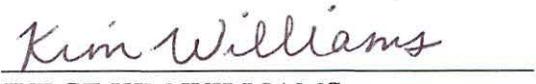
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