



SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF  
WASHINGTON  
FOR CLARK COUNTY

GENERAL ORDER 20-16

**EMERGENCY EARLY RELEASE DUE TO  
OVERCROWDING**

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Adopted: June 2, 2020

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is necessary to adjust the Early Release Due to Overcrowding (ERDO) Policy. This emergency rule is necessary to support social distancing requirements and for continuity of operations should detention staffing levels become impacted by quarantine requirements prescribed by Public Health in the case of a positive COVID-19 case. The detention centers standard maximum occupancy is 28 and General Order 19-07 Early Release Due to Overcrowding (ERDO) is based on that number.

Clark County Superior Court hereby suspends General Order 19-07 until August 7, 2020 and adopts the following ERDO policy in Juvenile Court Detention.

The maximum occupancy in the detention center to accommodate public safety measures is 14. The ERDO policy will be initiated when the juvenile detention population reaches capacity. Youth who have reached 60% of their sentence will be considered for early release.

A. Prioritizing ERDO eligible youth for release will occur as follows:

- Sentenced PV
- Sentenced Misdemeanors
- Sentenced Gross Misdemeanors
- Sentenced felony

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- Un-sentenced PV
- Un-sentenced misdemeanors
- Un-sentenced gross misdemeanors
- Un-sentenced felony with Judicial review and approval

Youth who have a scheduled inpatient bed date and youth serving adult sentences are exempt from ERDO.

Un-sentenced youth will require an amended release order only after consultation with probation, prosecutor, defense and court commissioner and/or judge.

B. Probation will contact the youth's parent or guardian to alert them to the possibility of their child being released from detention early and communicate with the Detention Manager and Supervisor that the youth has been added to the ERDO list.

C. If after 11:00 PM detention population rises above the capped numbers, processed youth will be placed in an overflow bed. The ERDO process will begin the next morning, after court and/or on the weekends after 8:00 AM. If during the graveyard shift capacity reaches the point where all overflow beds are occupied, the Detention Manager or Supervisor will be called to decide as to when, and how to proceed with ERDO.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2020



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Scott A. Collier, Presiding Judge