

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
STATE OF ILLINOIS

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GENERAL DIVISION

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20 CA - 39

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS IN THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PURSUANT TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IMPACT ON TRIALS AND
AMENDMENT OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20 CA-26

WHEREAS, in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to protect the general health and well-being of the general public, there has been declared both a state of emergency in Illinois and a national emergency in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Illinois issued Order M.R. 30370 dated March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said order resulted in the entry of Administrative Order 20 CA-26 of the 14th Judicial Circuit entered on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Illinois issued Order M.R. 30370 on April 7, 2020 (attached) which amends its previous order of March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said order of April 7, 2020 directs that "the Chief Judges of each circuit may continue trials until further order of this Court"; and

WHEREAS, said order further directs that the continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and defendants in a speedy trial. Therefore, such continuances shall be excluded from speedy trial computations contained in section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 [West 2018]) and section 5-601 of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/5-601 [West 2018]). Statutory time restrictions in section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and section 5-601 of the Juvenile Court Act shall be tolled until further order of this Court; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit specifically finds that the interests of justice so require the continuance of these matters due to the state and nationally recognized public health dangers of summoning a jury and/or conducting trials, and that the ordering of these continuances is in the best interests of the public, including parties, witnesses, and all court personnel in order to follow the emergency declarations of our state and national authorities; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Chief Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit of Illinois that this order amends and supercedes Administrative Order 20 CA-26 of the 14th Judicial Circuit entered on March 24, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Chief Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit of Illinois that all matters set for trial in the 14th Judicial Circuit of Illinois are continued until further order of the Supreme Court of Illinois, unless conducted via video conferencing at the discretion of the assigned judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all criminal matters set for trial in the 14th Judicial Circuit of Illinois are continued until further order of the Supreme Court of Illinois, and that any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall be excluded from speedy trial computations contained in section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 [West 2018]) and section 5-601 of the Juvenile Court Act.

THIS ORDER is effective April 7, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTERED THIS 7 DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



FRANK R. FUHR, CHIEF JUDGE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

FRF/sll

