



CIRCUIT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

HONORABLE JAMES H. DANIEL
Circuit Judge

NASSAU COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Robert M. Foster Justice Center

April 28, 2021

TO: The Honorable Mark H. Mahon, Chief Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit
The Honorable Steven M. Fahlgren, Circuit Court Judge
The Honorable Lester L. Bass, Circuit Court Judge
The Honorable Jenny Higginbotham Barrett, County Court Judge
The Honorable John A. Crawford, Clerk of Court
Capt. Kay Lynn Crews, Nassau County Jail/Courthouse
Sgt. Ken Davis, Nassau County Courthouse Bailiff
Nassau County Bar Association

FROM: The Honorable James H. Daniel, Administrative Judge

RE: Extended Temporary Suspension of Weekend Jail Sentences

Please find attached Administrative Order No: 2020-2(i). /

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: 2020-2(i)

RE: EXTENDED TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WEEKEND JAIL SENTENCES

WHEREAS, the undersigned by Administrative Order 2020-2 suspended weekend jail sentences through May 22, 2020, and subsequently extended that suspension by Administrative Orders 2020-2(a) through (h) through April 29, 2021;

WHEREAS, the emergency related to the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) pandemic continues to disrupt the operations of the court system;

WHEREAS, the health and safety of employees of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) working at the Nassau County Jail and the inmates is of utmost importance;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is highly contagious with no current vaccine to limit its spread and no known medication to eliminate the virus in the bodies of those infected;

WHEREAS, inmates serving their jail sentences exclusively on the weekend in the Nassau County Jail pursuant to the Judgment and Sentence in their case are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 while out of custody and put both the employees of the NCSO and the inmates at greater risk;

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the moratorium on serving weekend jail sentences;

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit has delegated authority to the Administrative Judge for Nassau County to establish temporary procedures;

WHEREAS, the undersigned has conferred with the County Court Judge who is in agreement with this order;

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in the undersigned, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. All weekend sentences for the Nassau County Jail remain suspended until Thursday, July 1, 2021.

2. No sentence imposed by a presiding judge in the circuit or county courts in Nassau County shall include weekend jail service that will start any earlier than Thursday, July 1, 2021.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Yulee, Nassau County, Florida, this the 28TH day of April, 2021.



JAMES H. DANIEL