

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT IN AND FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

**ORDER GRANTING DISCRETION TO
COUNTY SHERIFFS RE: MITTIMUS
AND WORK RELEASE**

Administrative Order 2020-2

Due to the concern of minimizing risk of person-to-person transmission of the Covid-19 virus in individual county jails, the undersigned has concluded that individual sheriffs and jail administrators should have discretion concerning defendants who have been sentenced to serve a mittimus or have been granted work release for the duration of an individual jail sentence. This order is entered during this time of emergency. It will be supplemented and or rescinded at a later date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED as follows:

1. The sheriff of any county in the Eighth Judicial District of Iowa is hereby granted authority to extend the date for any defendant ordered to appear on a mittimus to serve a sentence to a later date as scheduled with the individual sheriff's office.
2. All sheriffs of the Eighth Judicial District of Iowa are authorized to release all work-release inmates and reschedule the balance of their sentences. The defendant has sixty days to reschedule the balance of his or her sentence. Defendant should reschedule his or her sentence by contacting the sheriff's office of the county in which they are to serve the sentence.
3. Failure of a defendant to comply with the rescheduling directions of the sheriff in their county will result in the issuance of an arrest warrant.

All sheriffs are urged to contact the judicial officer designated as the emergency

contact in their county or the resident judge in their county for further assistance in regulating the jail population in their county, during this time of emergency associated with the Covid-19 virus.

This Order will remain in effect until further order of the court.

Clerks shall provide copy of this order to the following in their county: sheriffs, county attorneys, public defenders, and defense bar.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.



Mary Ann Brown, Chief Judge
Eighth Judicial District

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Clerks of Court, -Eighth Judicial District
Court Administrator
Judges/Magistrates
County Attorneys