

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

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) No. 15-07
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) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
) Closing Cases where Court has
) Acknowledged Notification of Defendant's
) Death

The King County District Court is in the process of reviewing and closing criminal and infraction cases as part of data clean-up project in preparation for adoption of a new case management system. In reviewing these cases, the court has discovered numerous cases where there is no final disposition on either a criminal or infraction case and the court has either received notice that the defendant is deceased, or has checked the defendant's D.O.L. record and it shows notation that the defendant is deceased. An administrative order is needed to expedite and to provide order and consistency to the final closure of these cases.

Accordingly, it is Ordered:

The clerk shall verify that there is a death certificate on file with the court, or there is a notation on the defendant's Department of Licensing record stating that the defendant is deceased.

If the case is pre-disposition, including a Deferred Prosecution, S.O.C. or a Deferred Sentence, the clerk shall dismiss the charge(s) and write off all outstanding costs, fees and assessments. If the case is post disposition, the clerk shall write off any legal financial obligations and close the case.

Done this 4 day of Nov., 2015



Donna Tucker, Chief Presiding Judge
King County District Court