KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

No.: 14-10

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: OLD CRIMINAL CASES NOT DUI OR DV

The King County District Court is in the process of closing many of its old cases in preparation for the implementation of a new database system. In reviewing these old files, the court has discovered many criminal cases in which a judgment was entered more than ten years ago and there is no current warrant outstanding for the defendant's failure to appear or comply. The Court finds that these cases neither are further adjudicable nor are the financial obligations collectible if ten years has lapsed since the date of judgment, and that further proceedings in the cases would not be in the interest of justice.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

In cases of criminal prosecution in this court that are more than ten years old from the date of judgment entered, in which there is no outstanding warrant for the defendant's arrest, which do not involve any charge of Driving Under the Influence, Physical Control, or any form of Domestic Violence or a deferred sentence, or in which the legal financial obligations are in active garnishment, the clerk shall write off all legal financial obligations and cease any collection activity, and shall close the case. Any case of DUI, Physical Control or DV, or with an active warrant, shall be referred to a judge of this court for further consideration.

Dated this of Oct , 2014.

Corinna Harn, Chief Presiding Judge King County District Court

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