

**KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE**

) **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
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) **GAO 20-04**
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) repeal and replacing 12-003 Issuing Order
 Regarding Warrant of Arrest Expiration

At the 2019 Full Judges Retreat, the Judges fully discussed extending the expiration dates of Bench Warrants from 7 years to 10 years to facilitate a review for possible file closure or dismissal at the same time the warrant will expire; The executive committee has further agreed to the procedure to review expiring arrest warrants:

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the King County District Court Judges:

THAT General Administrative Order, 12-003 be repealed and replaced with this administrative order extending the expiration of arrest warrants from 7 years to 10 years.

All bench warrants of arrest issued by a King County District Court Judge shall carry on its face a ten (10) year expiration date. If the arrest warrant is not served during that time the warrant will expire. The clerk of the court is directed to set the matter for a hearing with notice to all parties as the warrant expires. At the hearing the court will consider all relevant information and evidence to determine if (1) the arrest warrant should reissue; (2) the case should be closed or (3) the case should be dismissed.

DATED this 22nd day of May, 2020



Susan Mahoney, Chief Presiding Judge
King County District Court