SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ORDER

March 16, 2020

By Order of the Chief Judge issued on March 15, 2020, the District of Columbia Superior Court has adjusted its operations to address concerns regarding the Coronavirus (COVID19). Upon the joint request of the United States Attorney's Office and the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, and upon further consideration of the state of emergency in the District of Columbia as declared by Mayor Muriel Bowser on March 11, 2020 and the National Emergency as declared by President Donald J. Trump on March 13, 2020 in response to the pandemic of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the court finds that this condition significantly impairs the functioning of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in the event of high numbers of custodial arrests. This declaration is made pursuant to D.C. Code §23-584(c)(1), enabling law enforcement to release an individual not otherwise eligible for release under D.C. Code § 23-584(b)(2), upon approval of the prosecuting authority.