Amended Trial Court Emergency Administrative Order 20-1
Extension of the Duration of Probation Warrants as a Result COVID-19

Due to the extreme risk of person-to-person transmission caused by the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and which has occasioned the declaration of a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Order No. 591: Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19;

It is hereby ORDERED, pursuant to my authority as set forth in G.L. c. 211B, § 9, that, effective March 23, 2020, all warrants issued by the Massachusetts Probation Service pursuant to G.L. 279, § 3 that would otherwise expire after 72 hours following issuance shall remain in effect until the Trial Courts have resumed normal operations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nothing in this Order shall operate to extend any period of detention once an individual is arrested on a warrant pursuant to G.L. c. 279, § 3.

Dated: March 23, 2020

Paula M. Carey
Chief Justice of the Trial Court