

**IN THE STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**STANDING ORDER GOVERNING BAIL DURING JUDICIAL  
EMERGENCY**

For the duration of the Judicial Emergency declared by The Chief Justice of Georgia and any extensions thereof, Defendants shall be permitted to sign their own bonds in the amount of the existing bond schedules of the Magistrate Court or \$2500.00, whichever is less, in all misdemeanors cases **EXCEPT:**

- (1) Cases in which a bail amount has been set by a judge by written order in an individual case; amendments of such individually set bonds must also be done by written order;
- (2) Stalking (OCGA § 16-5-90);
- (3) Those warrants and charges which must be examined by a magistrate to determine whether they involve family violence:
  - simple battery (OCGA § 16-5-23);
  - battery (OCGA § 16-5-23.1);
  - simple assault (OCGA § 16-5-20);
  - cruelty to children (OCGA § 16-5-70);
  - violating family violence order (OCGA § 16-5-95);
  - disorderly conduct (OCGA § 16-11-39).

It is the request of the State Court that in cases involving simple battery, simple assault, and disorderly conduct that schedule bonds not be utilized during this period of judicial emergency, and that Defendants be released upon signature bonds unless the case involves family violence, or the magistrate has made an individual determination based upon the facts of the case or the Defendant's criminal record that a signature bond is inappropriate.

(4) Traffic:

- a. Second offense in five years DUI (OCGA § 40-6-391)
- b. Fourth lifetime offense for driving with a suspended license (OCGA § 40-5-121);
- c. Hit and Run (OCGA § 40-6-270),
- d. Misdemeanor Vehicular Homicide (OCGA § 40-6-393),
- e. Attempting to Elude (OCGA § 40-6-395)
- f. Misdemeanor habitual violator.

(5) Shoplifting – Defendant's GCIC record must be run. Defendant is to receive an SOR bond in the amount of \$2500 unless the GCIC record shows 6 or more prior convictions for Shoplifting.

This order does not limit the authority of any judge with jurisdiction over bail and bail conditions to alter, amend, reduce, or revoke any bond by individual order in a case. Such individual orders control over this standing order or bond scheduled order. This order does not affect any felony bail except for shoplifting as provided in paragraph 5.

This 18th day of March, 2020



Wayne M. Purdom, Chief and Senior Judge,  
State Court of DeKalb County

FILED IN THIS OFFICE  
THIS <sup>18<sup>th</sup></sup> DAY OF <sup>March</sup> 20 20  
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Clerk, State Court, DeKalb County