

1 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

2 Supervisory Order

3 Number 2020-SO-

4 In Re: Judicial Emergency

5 ORDER OF COURT

6 AND NOW, this 22nd day of October, 2020, at the request of the Adams County Constable
7 Association and with the support of the four Magisterial District Judges in Adams County, the Court
8 Hereby Orders the following as it relates to Constable service of Magisterial District Court warrants
9 requiring a defendant be taken into custody:

10 Constables working after business hours as established and defined in the Adams County
11 Constable Manual may institute a field receipt process when attempting to serve a Magisterial District
12 Court warrant requiring detention under the following conditions:

- 13 1. The defendant shall be directed to report to the issuing District Court within seven
- 14 calendar days of the issuance of the field receipt;
- 15 2. The Constable shall, as soon as possible, notify the issuing District Court of the
- 16 issuance of the field receipt along with the necessary paperwork to process the
- 17 effectuation of the warrant;
- 18 3. If the defendant appears within the prescribed seven day period, the Magisterial
- 19 District Judge shall process this appearance pursuant to their authority and shall
- 20 forward the Constable fees to the County for payment;
- 21 4. If the defendant fails to appear after the close of business on the seventh calendar day,
- 22 the Magisterial District Judge shall reissue a bench warrant for the defendant and shall
- 23 indicate on the reissued warrant that the defendant is not eligible for any further
- 24 service via field receipts, and any further service of the reissued warrant by a
- 25 Constable shall be governed by language previously provided for in Supervisory

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1 Orders 2020-SO-40 and 2020-SO-40A;

- 2 5. If the defendant fails to appear after the close of business on the seventh calendar day,
3 the Adams County Constable Association agrees that the serving Constable shall
4 forfeit payment of fees.
- 5 6. If the Adams County Constable Association changes its position regarding payment of
6 fees subsequent to this Order, it shall notify the District Court Administrator in
7 writing, and thereafter the Court will consider vacating this Order and relying solely
8 on the language previously provided for under Supervisory Orders 2020-SO-40 and
9 2020-SO-40A related to service of Magisterial District Court warrants requiring
10 detention.
- 11 7. Supervisory Orders No. 2020-SO-40 and No. 2020-SO-40A are amended to include
12 the content of this Order.

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14 BY THE COURT,

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16 MICHAEL A. GEORGE

17 President Judge

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