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MARY JO LALONE DEPRETA
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: SENTENCE COURTS

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EMERGENCY CHANGES

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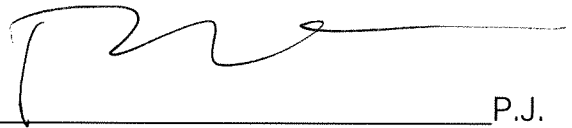
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 20th day of April, 2020, due to the continuing coronavirus health crisis, non-jail sentencing cases shall be added to the list of essential hearings to be dealt with presently by the Court. Due to the large backlog of cases, the Court's concern for social distancing, and the Court's concern for defendants' right to a speedy sentence the Court will begin scheduling sentence courts.

Sentence court will be in either Courtroom No. 1 or 2 and the times for each sentence shall be spread out. All attorneys, staff, defendants, and others shall practice social distancing and take all other recommended precautions. Defendants shall be encouraged to come alone and victims shall be encouraged to submit statements in writing.

Sentence rights will be broadcast by video and written sentence rights will be provided for each defendant to review and sign. It is expected that each defendant shall review his/her sentence rights by video or writing prior to sentencing.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Yeatts', written over a horizontal line.

P.J.

Robert G. Yeatts, President Judge