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

In Re: Judicial Emergency 2020 MAY 29 PM 2: 27 Supervisory Order  
No. 2020-SO-40 A

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, it is hereby Ordered:

1. Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40 is amended to correct a typographical error. Paragraph 10 is corrected to read as follows:

**Bench Warrants.** The Sheriff's Department, all law enforcement agencies, and constables certified to conduct court business are permitted to effectuate service of miscellaneous docket (MD) captioned warrants effective immediately, however, no person shall be taken into custody as a result of said warrants. If the warrant contains a purge amount, the effectuating agency may accept payment of the purge amount and release the defendant. Upon service of the warrant, the effectuating agency shall immediately alert County Control who thereafter shall remove the warrant from active status. The purge amount shall be delivered to the Adams County Clerk of Court's Office or the Domestic Relations Office on the next business day following collection. In the event the warrant does not contain a purge amount, or the defendant is unable to make payment thereof, the defendant shall be directed to appear in Courtroom No. 4 of the Adams County Courthouse, at 1:15 p.m. on the Monday or Wednesday which follows effectuation of the warrant by at least 24 hours. In such instance, County Control shall be immediately notified of service of the warrant and shall remove the warrant from active status. Additionally, the effectuating agency shall immediately alert Court Administration of service of the warrant no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday or Wednesday which the defendant is directed to report.

This paragraph shall not apply to any warrant for an indirect criminal contempt related to a protection from abuse order or protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation order as such warrants shall

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remain valid provided, however, the prohibition related to the service of court orders by constables remains in full force and effect as it relates to warrants for indirect criminal contempt related to a protection from abuse order or protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation order.

- 2. **The Criminal Trial Term commencing August 3, 2020** is cancelled.
- 3. **The Civil Trial Term commencing August 31, 2020** is cancelled.
- 4. **Constables.** The time limitations on warrant service by constables set forth in paragraph 9 of Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40 is clarified to apply only to warrants requiring a person to be taken into custody. Magisterial District Judge failure to respond warrants that do not require detention may continue to be served by constables at any time pursuant to the limitations identified in the Constable Manual.

The Adams County Court Administrator's Office is directed to post a copy of this Order on the Fifty-First Judicial District's website and on the Adams County website. A copy of this Order shall be transmitted by Court Administration to all members of the Adams County Bar Association.

BY THE COURT:

  
**MICHAEL A. GEORGE**  
President Judge

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