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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County adopts Emergency Bail Schedule as directed by Judicial Council of California, along with new local form to facilitate remote criminal court appearances.

On April 6, 2020, the Judicial Council of California adopted [11 Emergency Rules](#), effective immediately, to provide further direction to the Superior Courts in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. One of those rules—Emergency Rule 4—required each court to adopt the new statewide Emergency Bail Schedule by no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020.

On April 8, 2020, with the unanimous approval of its Judicial Criminal Committee, and following discussions with its justice partners, including the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Probation Department, Alameda County Bar Association, and representatives of the private criminal defense bar, the Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) adopted the statewide Emergency Bail Schedule, effective April 8, 2020. In doing so, the Court amended [Local Rule 4.115](#), which it adopted effective April 3, 2020.

In addition to adopting the statewide Emergency Bail Schedule, Local Rule 4.115 also establishes—as permitted by Emergency Rule 4—that bail for infractions will be set at \$0.00, while bail for technical violations of felony probation, Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), or parole will be set at \$5,000.00. The rule also clarifies that it is permissible for law enforcement agencies to enter a bail amount of \$0.01 in their case management systems where, for technical reasons, doing so is necessary to ensure release.

The Court is actively working with representatives of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office at the Santa Rita Jail, and with its other justice partners, to re-asses bail amounts consistent with the new statewide Emergency Bail Schedule and Local Rule 4.115 and will authorize the immediate release of incarcerated persons where appropriate.

The Court has also adopted a new local form, [ALA-CRIM-EMER-001](#), which defendants can use to waive their right to a hearing on petitions alleging a violation of the terms of probation, PRCS, or parole. This new form will facilitate the Court's ability to resolve violations of supervision remotely, on an expedited basis, in compliance with new Judicial Council Emergency Rule 3.