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## **Superior Court of Santa Cruz County Order Extending Emergency Bail Schedule**

Santa Cruz – On June 10, 2020, The Judicial Council of California approved [Circulating Order 20-11](#), which repeals the statewide Emergency Bail Seclude on June 20, 2020. The Emergency Bail Schedule was adopted by the Council in April to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

On Friday, June 19, 2020, Presiding Judge Paul Burdick issued an interim order setting the bail schedule for the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County effective June 20, 2020. Although conditions within the state related to COVID-19 have improved since April, there continues to be concerns about effectively protecting public health and safety. The Council is encouraging courts statewide to retain or adopt a bail schedule with \$0 bail or significantly reduced bail levels for most misdemeanors and low-level felonies, where appropriate during the COVID-19 response.

Despite the issuance of Judge Burdick's interim order, individual judges retain the discretion to deny bail, to set a higher bail for any offense, including those with a bail of \$0 and/or to order conditions of release deemed appropriate for any offense.

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