

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 13th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)
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 IN RE:)
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 Bond Hearing Procedures)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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This Order is issued to establish procedures for the orderly disposition of Motions for Reduction of Bond in all criminal cases in the Court of General Sessions. Exceptions to these procedures may be made in individual cases that require separate and distinct treatment because of unusual circumstances unique to that case. Therefore the following procedures are hereby adopted as the Order of this Court:

1. Motions for Reduction of Bond shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and thereafter served upon the solicitor's office. All Consent Orders for reduction of Bond shall be presented, for signing, to either the Administrative Judge for General Sessions or to any Presiding Judge for this Circuit.

2. Failure of the parties to reach an agreement on the motion shall result in the solicitor's office scheduling a hearing before a Presiding Judge. Hearings for Motions filed before Monday by 5:00 p.m. shall be heard on the Friday of that week assuming 1) there is a term of Court scheduled or a Circuit Judge is available to preside, and 2) there has been sufficient time for compliance with the Victim's Rights Act. All Bond Reduction Motions filed and served after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, shall be heard during the next scheduled Bond Hearings.

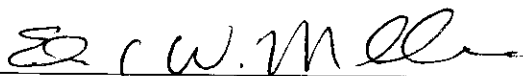
3. A defendant who has been heard on a Motion for Reduction of Bond may file a subsequent reduction motion only upon certification, contained in the body of the motion, that there has been a material change of circumstances affecting the conditions of the existing bond or the status of the charges against the defendant. This certification shall enumerate the facts and circumstances relied upon in claiming any material change of circumstances. Any subsequent Bond Reduction Motion shall be served upon the Chief Administrative Judge for General Sessions, who shall determine whether the alleged change of circumstances merits a subsequent hearing. If the Judge finds that a

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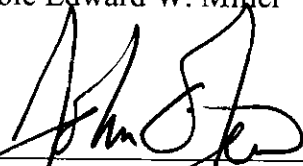
subsequent hearing is warranted, he shall notify the solicitor's office who shall then schedule a hearing on the next available date. If the motion is found to be without merit, the Chief Administrative Judge shall summarily dismiss the motion.

4. All bond hearings shall be conducted via video conferencing absent unique and unusual circumstances.

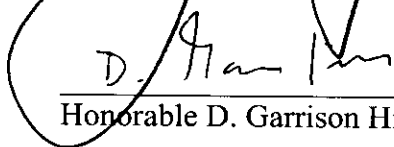
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Honorable Edward W. Miller



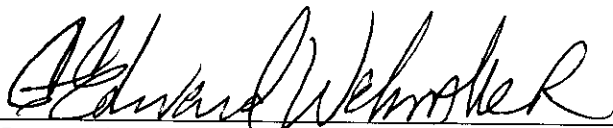
Honorable John C. Few



Honorable D. Garrison Hill



Honorable Larry R. Patterson



Honorable G. Edward Welmaker

Dated: 3-30-05