IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT GENERAL ORDER 2020-22

SUBJECT: Coronavirus: Transfer Bail Hearing / Increase Bond Request—Certain Traffic Court Cases

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, has issued Covid-19 Emergency Measures in governing all matters in all Districts and Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

WHEREAS, the Administrative Order 2020-02 applies to all cases now pending on and after March 17, 2020 in the First Municipal District, and provides that procedures for the administration of court operations shall be determined by the Presiding Judge for the Division or District under his or her supervision.

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to modify the procedure in Traffic Court in the Daley Center in certain instances dealing with requests by the State to increase bonds for certain defendants.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That effective September 16, 2020 a new call will be established titled <u>Traffic Increase/Modification in Bonds</u> call in Branch 44 located at 3140 W. Flournoy St. every Wednesday of each week at 1:00pm.
- 2. That the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall not place more than three (3) Defendant cases on the above titled call each week.
- **3.** That all requests for Increase/Modification in bonds filed by the State's Attorney will be transferred to Branch 44 at 3140 W. Flournoy St. for a 1:00pm hearing on the **Traffic Increase/Modification in Bonds** call.
- 4. That the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall notify each Defendant of the schedule, Branch, location, and time of hearing on a specific Wednesday of each month.
- **5.** That no more than three (3) of the Increase/Modification in bonds filed by the State's Attorney shall be scheduled on every Wednesday of each month beginning September 16, 2020.

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- **6.** That if the court rules that there is an increase/modification in bonds, then the Sheriff of Cook County shall transport the Defendants to the Cook County jail for processing.
- **7.** That upon the conclusion of the traffic cases, they will be returned instantly to the Daley Center, traffic rooms where the cases originated.
- 8. That all defendants must wear a face covering to cover mouth and nose.

This order shall be spread upon the records of this court.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 3rd day of August, 2020.

E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

ENTERED

E. KENNETH WRIGHT, JR.

PRESIDING JUDGE

FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT