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IN THE STATE COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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HONORABLE RICHARD ROUNDTREE, SHERIFF OF RICHMOND
COUNTY, GEORGIA AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
SERVING RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA.

ORDER

It appearing that the State Court of Richmond County will not be in regular jail clearing session on March 18, 2020 and March 20, 2020 due to the determination that a Public Health State of Emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID - 19.

It further appearing that, in order to comply with O.C.G.A 17-4-26 and 17-4-62, and to minimize jail overcrowding, provisions need to be made for setting bond for defendants who are arrested for offenses commonly known as family violence misdemeanors.

Bond shall be granted in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) including all surcharges, to individuals arrested on family violence misdemeanors that cannot be brought before a magistrate/judge within 72 hours of their arrest. The bond shall be posted in cash, property or by a professional bonding company. The granting of this bond is further conditioned upon attempted notification by the Richmond County Sheriff's Department to the individual listed as the victim. This notification shall be based on information given by the victim at the time a warrant is applied for or from information in the incident report. Further conditions of the bond shall require the defendant to have no contact of any kind with the victim or victim's family; to refrain from going within 200 feet of the victim; and immediate enrollment in an anger management class.

The Richmond County Sheriff's Department custodial supervisor shall attempt notification to the victim and shall record whether the attempt was successful or unsuccessful.

The Richmond County Sheriff's Department custodial supervisor shall conduct a record check to determine if there is a prior record of family violence. If there is a prior record of family violence, the bond amount shall be increased to five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

The Richmond County Sheriff's Department custodial supervisor shall contact a State Court Judge if there are questions on a particular case regarding the application of this Order.

This order is limited in duration and shall expire and have no legal effect after March 20, 2020.

SO ORDERED, this 17th day March of 2020.


DAVID D. WATKINS, CHIEF JUDGE
STATE COURT, RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA