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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

IN RE: AUTHORITY OF DEPUTY CLERK OVER PAYMENT AND/OR CONVERSION OF CIVIL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO PENAL CODES §§ 1214.1 AND/OR PENAL CODE 1214.2(A) (AMENDED) MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STO-22-0014

By Order of the Presiding Judge:

WHEREAS, Penal Code Section 1214.1 provides that the court may impose a civil assessment of up to one hundred dollars (\$100) against any defendant who fails, after notice and without good cause, to pay all or any portion of a fine ordered by the court; and

**WHEREAS**, Penal Code Section 1214.2(a) provides that if the judgment is for a fine, including a restitution fine, the judgment may be enforced in the manner provided for the enforcement of money judgments generally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kern County Superior Court wishes to implement these statutes.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that when a defendant chooses to clear a forfeitable failure to pay warrant on a non-vehicle code case, by way of payment reset or payment in full, the failure to pay fine fee assessed shall be converted to civil assessment in the same amount.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that when the defendant makes a request for a payment reset due to good cause that the clerk may administratively deem good cause satisfied and reset an existing payment plan.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that when the defendant makes a request to have a civil assessment set aside due to good cause that the clerk may administratively deem good cause satisfied and waive the balance of unpaid civil assessment due when:

- Sufficient documentation is provided establishing that a defendant was unable to pay by their due date as a result of one of the following limited conditions:
  - Hospitalization;
  - Military Duty;
  - Incarceration; or
  - o Death.
- It is determined that the civil assessment was erroneously added due to clerical or system error by the court.
- When the delinquent balance is twenty-five dollars (\$25) or less and the defendant pays that amount in full.

When a defendant agrees to pay the full amount of the fine(s) after civil assessment was added, authority is granted to Revenue Recovery and Multi-Divisional Court staff to reduce the civil assessment with the following authority level:

STANDING ORDER- AUTHORITY OF DEPUTY CLERK OVER PAYMENT AND/OR CONVERSION OF CIVIL

ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO PENAL CODES §§ 1214.1 AND/OR 1214.2(A) (AMENDED)