

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 15A
ALAMANCE COUNTY

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ALAMANCE COUNTY, C.S.C.

IN RE IN-CUSTODY FIRST
APPEARANCES - DISTRICT 15A

RE: *W. Elwan* ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

THIS MATTER is appropriate for entry of an Administrative Order as it affects the District and Superior Court Divisions of Judicial District 15A (Alamance County), pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes and the inherent authority of the undersigned in the administration of criminal procedure for this District.

In conjunction with the Administrative Order entered June 18, 2020, prepared in accordance with G.S. 15A-535 and entitled **In Re Pretrial Release Policy – District 15A**, which adopted the “Pretrial Release and Bond Policy for District 15A” (hereafter “Bond Policy”), this order formally implements the following procedure for:

- 1) first appearances for arrestees charged with any criminal offense, misdemeanor or felony, and those arrested for probation violations, for which venue lies in this District or as otherwise required by the North Carolina General Statutes; and
- 2) review of conditions of pretrial release (“bail review hearings”) for arrestees with cases pending in other judicial districts in the State.

This Order is intended to ensure that no defendant is held in custody prior to trial solely because the defendant cannot afford to post bond, to ensure fairness and the elimination of unjustifiable delay in the administration of justice, to facilitate the just determination of every criminal proceeding, and to preserve the public welfare and secure the fundamental human rights of individuals with interests in criminal court cases.

Pursuant to the above, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. This Order shall be effective on or after July 1, 2020.
2. Defendants who are in custody shall be taken before a judge of the appropriate trial division within forty-eight (48) hours of arrest or at the next available session of court in the event that court is not in session within forty-eight (48) hours of the defendant’s arrest.
3. Each weekday when court is in session, the Detention Center Liaison (or his/her designee) and staff of the Clerk of Superior Court shall identify those defendants covered by this Order who are in custody and have not had a first appearance before a judge.
4. Staff of the Clerk of Superior Court shall create a docket (“In-Custody First Appearance Docket,” hereafter “Docket”) for each trial division, as needed, listing each of the

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