

**IN THE 16<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION**

IN RE: Temporary Emergency Release on  
Electronic Monitoring of Juveniles  
Detained at Hilltop

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 20-03

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the existence and spread of the COVID-19 virus has resulted in the declaration of a world-wide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to take steps to protect the health and safety of the public as well as all employees of the Family Court Division; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and necessary to take quick action to reduce the exposure and spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the unprecedented circumstances existing at this time warrant this administrative action; and

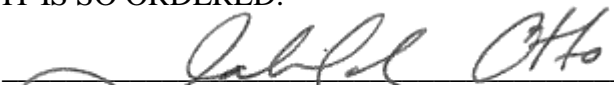
**WHEREAS**, the Family Court Administrative Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit has general administrative authority over the Family Court Division;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, effective March 23, 2020:

1. That all juveniles subject to the Court's jurisdiction or custody who are detained at the Hilltop residential facility may be temporarily released home on electronic monitoring if it is deemed safe for the juvenile and the greater community. This determination shall be made by the team comprised of the Deputy Juvenile Officer, Juvenile Probation Officer, and the Residential Case Manager; and
2. Those juveniles that cannot be safely maintained in the community during this emergency period shall not be temporarily released home on electronic monitoring; and
3. That this action is in the best interests of the juveniles; and
4. That this Administrative Order is subject to review or modification on April 27, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 23, 2020  
Date

  
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JALILAH OTTO

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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