

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

AMENDED ORDER

**WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Harold D Melton, of the Supreme Court of Georgia declared a Statewide Judicial Emergency on 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

In response thereto, it is **ORDERED** that the Lee County, Georgia Magistrate Court continue all civil and criminal trials until a date succeeding the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, with the exception of the following:

- Pending Land-Lord Tenant cases.
- Pre-issuance Warrant Applications involving Domestic issues.
- First Appearances.
- Officer warrant hearings.
- Extradition hearings.
- Search warrant hearings.
- Emergency criminal proceedings.
- Criminal Trials and Committal Hearings scheduled for March 17,2020.
- Any proceeding a Magistrate Judge deems appropriate.

The Clerks **Shall** continue accepting filings for both criminal and civil actions. All process will be forwarded to the Sheriff's Office, but the Honorable Reggie Rachals, Lee County Sheriff and his staff **Shall**, decide when it is safe and proper for service. The date for answering process served between the date of this Order and April 13, 2020 will begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

So **ORDERED**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
James R. "Jim" Thurman  
Chief Magistrate Judge



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