

Captain Dennis Geary Commander Newton Police Department Special Operations and Training Bureau Training Bulletin 20-12 March 16, 2020



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Temporary Court Closing

"In light of the Governor's Declaration, Court leaders have closed the Trial Courts to the public for Monday and Tuesday, March 16 & 17."

Sgt. Henrickson has spoken with Asst. Clerk Magistrate Okstein this morning and the courts have a clerk and judge available over the next few days, but will not be accepting any prisoners.

As of today, they plan to reopen on Wednesday 3/18 but this could change.

Until then we should be following the same procedures for prisoners as if it was a weekend/holiday. During the day, we will contact the on-call clerk. After hours we will contact the bail commissioner. If a prisoner is to be held without bail or cannot make bail, we will make arraignments with court officers/sheriffs office to transfer custody.

For restraining orders, we can call the on -call clerk during the day at NDC after hours we will utilize the emergency judicial system.

Jury trials have been postponed until 04/20/2020. A determination on other appearances bench trials, motions, hearings has not been made.