

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11-09**

Courthouse Releases - Amended

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 08-09 established, and Administrative Order 08-15 expanded, the types of defendants who could be released directly from the courthouse after records checks there instead of after return to the jail; and

WHEREAS, the courthouse releases program currently applies to defendants in all misdemeanor and traffic courtrooms and defendants who are ordered released during court proceedings in misdemeanor cases in the preliminary hearing courtroom, paternity and support matters, or civil protection matters; and

WHEREAS, the courthouse releases program became permanent on December 8, 2008 and continues to be successful;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that effective immediately, in addition to defendants already eligible for the program, defendants who are sentenced during court proceedings to serve misdemeanor sentences and who have been cleared for release by the District of Columbia Department of Corrections¹ are eligible for courthouse release; it is further

ORDERED, that defendants who are sentenced during misdemeanor or felony court proceedings to “time served” or probation who the Department of Corrections authorizes cleared for release are eligible for courthouse release; it is further

ORDERED, that defendants and all applicable paperwork must be delivered to the main cellblock on the C level no later than 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to be eligible for courthouse release; and it is further

ORDERED, that courthouse releases shall otherwise continue to operate according to the procedures set forth in Administrative Orders 08-09 and 08-15.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

¹ The DC Department of Corrections has legal instrument examiners (LIE) detailed to the Superior Court Cellblock. Upon receipt of judgment and commitment orders for sentenced misdemeanants, the LIE will calculate the time already served in the case to determine whether the sentence has been satisfied.

DATE: June 23, 2011

/s/

**Lee F. Satterfield
Chief Judge**

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