

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER
REGARDING:
GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
OWN RECOGNIZANCE RELEASES FOR
THE LAS VEGAS JUSTICE COURT

SIXTH AMENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 18-04
(superseding all prior versions)

WHEREAS, JCRLV 6.5(b)(5) empowers the Chief Judge to supervise the administrative business of the Court; and

WHEREAS, the following Administrative Orders are currently in effect: Order 2004-PT-1, most recently revised on January 14, 2015; Administrative Order 15-05, most recently revised on May 22, 2018; Administrative Order 15-07 (superseding Administrative Order 14-01); Administrative Order 16-03; and Administrative Order 18-01; and the aforementioned Orders address Pretrial Release and issues related thereto; and

WHEREAS, NRS 178.4851 states in pertinent part that, “upon a showing of good cause, a court may release without bail any person entitled to bail if it appears to the court that it can impose on the person that will adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of the community and ensure that he will appear at all times and places ordered by the court”; and

WHEREAS, NRS 178.4853 declares that the Court at a minimum shall consider the various factors set forth herein to determine whether there is good cause to release a person without bail; and

1
2 **WHEREAS**, the Committee to Study Evidence-Based Pretrial Release developed a Nevada
3 Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool (NPRAT) designed to assess a person's risk of nonappearance or new
4 criminal behavior and provide guidance to the courts on appropriate release, supervision, or detention
5 decisions; and
6

7
8 **WHEREAS**, the Las Vegas Justice Court has determined that the Pre-Trial Services Division
9 (hereinafter Pre-Trial Services) shall effectuate a release when a person meets certain specific criteria as
10 outlined herein; therefore,
11

12
13 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Pre-Trial Services staff (including Justice Court Intake
14 Specialists, Court Compliance Officers, Office Services Supervisors, and/or the Court Division
15 Administrator) shall effectuate a release when the person meets the following criteria:
16

17 The type of arrest is probable cause; and
18

19
20 (1) The charges are **misdemeanors**, excluding battery domestic violence; DUI with prior DUI
21 arrest(s) and/or conviction(s); or Violation of a Protection Order; or
22

23
24 (2) The charges are **non-violent** gross misdemeanors and/or felonies, **excluding gun**
25 **charges or charges related to possession of a firearm**, and Pre-Trial Services has assessed the
26 person using the NPRAT and determined a final recommended risk level of
27 LOW; or
28