

NOTICE TO THE BAR

DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL COURT CASES MORE THAN FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OLD

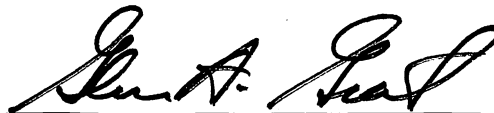
By Order of January 17, 2019, the Supreme Court dismissed certain unresolved, minor municipal court cases that are more than fifteen (15) years old. This dismissal was Ordered by the Court following a recommendation made by a panel of three Assignment Judges, who were directed by the Court to hold public hearings on whether these minor, unresolved municipal court cases should be dismissed.

The dismissed cases are those in which arrest warrants had been issued to defendants for failure to appear prior to January 1, 2003, and those warrants are still active. The dismissed cases include parking offenses, motor vehicle offenses, municipal ordinances, and other minor municipal matters.

The Order exempts certain more serious municipal court cases from dismissal – for example, disorderly persons and petty disorderly persons offenses, driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, and refusal to submit to a chemical test are among those cases not dismissed.

The Court has determined that this dismissal is appropriate in the interests of justice, will benefit the safety and operational needs of law enforcement, will provide administrative efficiency, and will further the conservation of limited public resources.

The Judiciary has created a webpage to assist the public which is located at www.njcourts.gov/courts/mcs/dismissals.html. It includes a database that can be searched to determine whether or not a case is one of those included in the Dismissal Order; a list of charges that are **not included** in the Dismissal Order; further details on charges that are **included** in the Dismissal Order; Frequently Asked Questions; and an explanation of how an individual can, if necessary, contact the Motor Vehicle Commission to restore a suspended license.



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