

NOTICE TO THE BAR

FAMILY/JUVENILE – RELAXATION OF COURT RULES TO SUPPORT USE OF THE ELECTRONIC JUVENILE COMPLAINT SYSTEM (JUVENILE eCDR)

The Supreme Court has relaxed and supplemented Rules 5:20-2, 5:20-3, 5:21-1, and 5:21-3 to support rollout of the Judiciary's electronic juvenile complaint system (Juvenile eCDR). The use of juvenile eCDR will support improvements to the juvenile complaint process. The Court's September 22, 2020 Order (attached) supplements and relaxes:

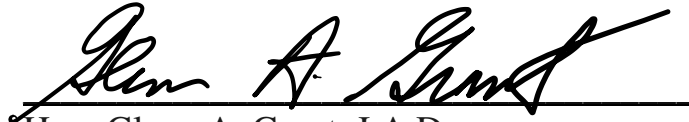
1. Rule 5:20-2 ("Summons") to provide for the filing and service of a complaint-summons on a law enforcement officer's finding of probable cause. Once the complaint-summons is filed with the court, a law enforcement officer shall within five days of filing of the complaint-summons personally serve the complaint-summons on the juvenile and the parent, guardian or custodian without taking the juvenile into custody;
2. Rule 5:20-3 ("Warrant") to provide for the issuance of a complaint-warrant where detention is authorized by court intake services or a judge;
3. Rule 5:21-1 ("Taking into Custody, Initial Procedure") to provide for the immediate filing of a complaint-warrant when a juvenile has been taken into custody for delinquency and detention is authorized by court intake services or a judge; and
4. Rule 5:21-3 ("Detention Hearings") to provide for the preliminary probable cause review at the initial detention hearing.

As authorized by the Court's September 22, 2020 Order, the rollout schedule is as follows:

1. Beginning on November 2, 2020, three pilot municipalities (City of Passaic (Passaic County), Hamilton Township (Mercer County), and Toms River (Ocean County)) will be required to file all juvenile delinquency complaints using Juvenile eCDR. Additional municipalities will be added to facilitate the rollout of the new system.

2. Beginning on January 4, 2021, all law enforcement agencies in New Jersey will be required to file all juvenile delinquency complaints using Juvenile eCDR.

Questions may be directed to Assistant Director for Family Practice Joanne M. Dietrich at Joanne.Dietrich@njcourts.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn A. Grant", written over a solid horizontal line.

Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: September 22, 2020

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, that, effective immediately and until further order, the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey, specifically, the following Rules of Court are supplemented and relaxed in support of the process implemented by the Judiciary's electronic juvenile complaint system (Juvenile eCDR):

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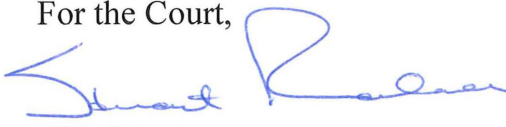
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As the juvenile eCDR is implemented pursuant to a schedule to be promulgated by the Administrative Director of the Courts, law enforcement agencies will be required to file all juvenile delinquency complaints using the Juvenile eCDR system.

The provisions of this Order shall remain in effect pending adoption of conforming rule amendments.

For the Court,

Chief Justice

Dated: September 22, 2020