

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 08-09**

(Courthouse Release Pilot)

WHEREAS, persons ordered released from custody by the Court are currently returned to the D.C. Jail for records clearance and release, sometimes resulting in unjustified delay in the actual release; and

WHEREAS, if the Court and the United States Marshals Service process and forward paperwork in a timely fashion to District of Columbia Department of Corrections officials, they may proceed with records clearance without transporting persons back to the jail; and

WHEREAS, after detailed planning for conducting records clearance and release operations at the courthouse, the Department of Corrections has asked the Court to allow courthouse releases to commence on a pilot basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is, by the Court, hereby

ORDERED, that the Superior Court, in conjunction with the United States Marshals Service, collaborate with the District Columbia Department of Corrections to facilitate its operation of a pilot project to release eligible defendants directly from the courthouse; and it is further

ORDERED, that defendants in all misdemeanor and traffic courtrooms are eligible to participate in the pilot project; and it is further

ORDERED, that the courthouse release pilot project is operational Monday through Friday, but excluding Saturdays and holidays; and it is further

ORDERED, that defendants and all applicable paperwork must be delivered to the main cellblock on the C level no later than 3:00 pm Monday through Friday to be eligible for courthouse release; and it is further

ORDERED, that once defendants seeking court house release have been transferred to the pre-release section of the cellblock, removal therefrom to appear in another court terminates the courthouse release process, and that defendant, if ultimately ordered to be released, will be returned to the jail for release processing; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Department of Corrections will have the final authority as to whether a defendant is cleared for release at the courthouse; and it is further

ORDERED that this administrative order shall take effect on July 7, 2008.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

Date: July 2, 2008

/s/

Chief Judge Rufus King, III

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