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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
CENTRAL DIVISION

**IN RE ASSIGNMENT OF CASES SEEKING
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
CHALLENGING CERTAIN ISOLATION
OR QUARANTINE ORDERS**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE PRESIDING
DEPARTMENT**
ORDER NO. 010124-32

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.603, notwithstanding any local rule or other provision of law to the contrary, to ensure the efficient handling of petitions for writs of habeas corpus challenging certain isolation or quarantine orders issued by the Public Health Officer of the County of San Diego or his/her designee in response to a communicable or infectious disease outbreak that has been declared an emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, the court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

Any petition seeking a writ of habeas corpus under Penal Code section 1473, or other relief, that challenges isolation, quarantine, or other orders issued by the Public Health Officer of the County of San Diego or his/her designee in response to a communicable or infectious disease outbreak resulting in a declared emergency shall be filed in the Central Courthouse and assigned

1 to the Presiding Judge or, in the event the Presiding Judge is unavailable, to the Assistant Presiding
2 Judge. The Presiding Judge may also assign any and/or all such writs of habeas corpus, for all
3 purposes, to the Supervising Judge of Criminal, the Supervising Judge of Civil, or the Supervising
4 Judge of Probate, located at the Central Courthouse, 1100 Union Street, San Diego, California.

5 This order shall become effective on January 1, 2024, and expire on December 31, 2024,
6 unless otherwise ordered by this court.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 DATED: December 27, 2023



10 **HONORABLE MICHAEL T. SMYTH**
11 **PRESIDING JUDGE**
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