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**EMAIL TO:** All Sheriffs  
**FROM:** Eddie Caldwell  
Executive Vice President and General Counsel  
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**SENT:** November 19, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Oaths Not Required for Release of Records of Applicants for  
Concealed Handgun Permits and Pistol Purchase Permits -  
through December 14, 2020

On November 16, 2020, Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the Supreme Court of North Carolina issued an Order that extends until December 14, 2020 various Emergency Directives that were previously put in place by the Chief Justice. For your convenience, a copy of the Chief Justice's November 16, 2020 Order is attached to this email.

Of particular importance to sheriffs is the extension of **Emergency Directive 5**, which impacts the **concealed handgun permit** and the **pistol purchase permit** application procedure. The directive provides that documents filed in any court proceeding that are required to be submitted under oath can, while this Order is in effect, be submitted without an oath being taken before a notary public, clerk of court or other official authorized to administer oaths.

This provision applies as long as the document contains a statement in substantially the following language: "I (we) affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representation(s) is (are) true." And then the document with the statement must be signed by the person making the affirmation.

Therefore, this provision applies to **AOC-SP-914, RELEASE OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CONFIDENTIAL COURT RECORDS FOR CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, and AOC-SP-917, RELEASE OF COURT ORDERS CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND CAPACITY FOR PISTOL PURCHASE PERMIT**, which are filed by the clerk of court in a Special Proceedings file.



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Emergency Directive 5 and all the other Emergency Directives contained in the November 16,  
2020 Order will expire on December 14, 2020, but may be extended.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact  
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Thanks....Eddie C.



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