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EMAIL TO: All Sheriffs
FROM: Eddie Caldwell
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SENT: April 4, 2020
SUBJECT: Juvenile Intake Procedures During COVID-19 Pandemic

Attached is a letter from William L. (Billy) Lassiter, Deputy Secretary for Juvenile Justice, NC Department of Public Safety, advising that "Juvenile Court Services offices statewide are staffed, open and available to accept complaints from any law enforcement agencies."

Deputy Secretary Lassiter further advises: "If a law enforcement officer has questions or a concern, please ask them to contact their local chief court counselor. If further assistance is needed, please feel free to contact the Director of Court Services at 919-538-2475."

Please review the attached letter for further details.

Thanks!....Eddie C.



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Police Chiefs and Sheriffs:

In the midst of COVID-19, juvenile intakes are continuing across the state as usual. All Juvenile Court Services offices statewide are staffed, open and available to accept complaints from any law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement officers should be able to access any of our offices by telephone or in person during normal business hours. Our on-call procedure for after-hours, weekends and holidays remain the same. The only difference law enforcement officers may experience is that we are screening all visitors entering our Court Services offices in compliance with CDC recommendations and the Governor's Executive orders.

We are continuing to provide all intake services such as receiving complaints, conducting intake conferences and making intake decisions within the statutory timeframes or within the timeframes allowed by Chief Justice Beasley's Executive Orders regarding timely filing. To offer more flexibility to juveniles and their families so they do not have to physically come into our offices for low-level offenses, we are conducting more telephonic intake conferences as allowed by statute to ensure the health and safety of our youth, their families, the community and our staff.

Juvenile Justice Court Services staff are continuing to place youth on electronic monitoring (EM) as deemed appropriate and are continuing to monitor the youth who are receiving that service. We are also continuing to provide transportation of youth to required hearings and to detention centers, when necessary. We are continuing to provide Interstate Compact for juvenile services as needed during this time of crisis.

If a law enforcement officer has questions or a concern, please ask them to contact their local chief court counselor. If further assistance is needed, please feel free to contact the Director of Court Services at 919-538-2475. We are here to assist our law enforcement community as much as possible.

Sincerely,

William Lassiter

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