

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

CANADA) THE 22nd
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO) DAY OF April 2021

BY ORDER OF Mr Justice Paul R. Sweeny, Regional Senior Judge, Central South Region

Due to the ongoing public health crisis caused by COVID 19, any accused person who had or has a criminal matter scheduled for any type of appearance in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Hamilton, Brantford, Kitchener, Cayuga, Simcoe, St. Catharines, or Welland between April 23, 2021 and May 7, 2021 shall, **unless the court orders otherwise**, be adjourned as follows:

[1] To ensure jurisdiction is preserved for all accused persons who have been scheduled to appear between April 23, 2021 and May 7, 2021:

A bench warrant with discretion is issued as of the date the person is scheduled to appear, pursuant to s. 597 (4) of the *Criminal Code*.

[2] Criminal matters scheduled for appearances between, April 23, 2021 and May 7, 2021 shall be adjourned to the criminal assignment court as follows:

- Accused persons subject to this Order must now appear in this Court in
 - Hamilton on May 21, 2021 at 9:30 am
 - Brantford on May 27, 2021 at 9:45 am
 - Kitchener of May 28, 2021 at 9:00 am
 - Cayuga on May 26, 2021 at 9:15 am
 - Simcoe on May 27, 2021 at 9:15 am
 - St. Catharines on May 26, 2021 at 9:30 am
 - Welland on May 25, 2021 at 9:30 am
- the bench warrant with discretion (s. 597(4)) is returnable on the respective days in June 2021 for each court location.
- if the person fails to appear in Court on the respective days in June 2021 for each court location, a warrant will be issued for their arrest.

2. This Order extends, as necessary, all warrants of remand for accused persons in custody to whom the Order applies.

DATED at Hamilton, this 22nd day of April 2021



Regional Senior Judge- Central South Region