

IN THE CRIMINAL AND CIRCUIT COURTS FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
EN BANC

IN RE VULNERABLE AND INMATES)
CHARGED WITH NON-VIOLENT)
OFFENSES HOUSED IN THE DAVIDSON)
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTEMNT)
AND CORE CIVIC FACILITIES DURING) NO. ~~CS~~ 5593
CIVIC FACILITIES DURING THE)
GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC)
EMERGENCY)
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STATE'S RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF INMATES

Comes the State of Tennessee and for response to the petition for the mass release of inmates and would say that the Court should review each defendant individually. The State submits a blanket release would imperil public safety and potentially violate the Victim's Rights Amendment to the Tennessee Constitution. Reviewing individuals on a case by case basis is the only way for courts to balance COVID-19 concerns with community protection. As the court is aware this office has been participating in the review of inmates with the goal of reducing the jail population. This office will continue to participate and agree when appropriate, in judicial review of every person in the Sheriff's custody and within the jurisdiction of the Criminal and Circuit Courts of Davidson County, Tennessee.

Wherefore, premises considered, the State of Tennessee submits the instant petition should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been electronically delivered to Martesha Johnson, Public Defender on this the 7th day of April, 2020.


