

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 08-23**

Courthouse Releases - Permanent Implementation

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 08-09 established, and Administrative Order 08-15 expanded a pilot program for release of defendants in all misdemeanor and traffic courtrooms direct from the courthouse after records checks there instead of after return to the jail; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program has been successful since its inception in July 2008 and was expanded in September 2008 to include defendants in misdemeanor cases in courtroom 201 and in some other cases;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the pilot program for release of defendants in misdemeanor and traffic courtrooms shall be made permanent; and it is further

ORDERED, that in addition to defendants in all misdemeanor and traffic courtrooms, defendants with misdemeanor cases in courtroom 201 who are ordered released during proceedings in court are eligible for courthouse release; and it is further

ORDERED, that persons currently in jail on paternity and support matters or civil protection order matters who are ordered released during proceedings in court are also eligible for courthouse release; and it is further

ORDERED, that courthouse releases shall otherwise continue to operate according to the procedures set forth in Administrative Orders 08-09 and 08-15.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

Date: December 23, 2008

/s/

**Lee F. Satterfield
Chief Judge**

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