STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA 25A JUDICIAL DISTRICT BURKE AND CALDWELL COUNTIES

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

ORDER ADOPTING RECOMMENDED BOND POLICY

The undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of Judicial District Twenty-Five A and the Chief District Court Judge of Judicial District Twenty-Five, embracing the counties named above have consulted and formulated the additional recommended policies for pretrial release in accordance with G.S. 15A-535.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following policies are recommended in conjunction with the law as set forth in Article 26 of the Criminal Procedure Act to determine whether and upon what conditions a defendant may be released before trial in the Judicial District, Twenty-Five A.

These policies are recommended to magistrates and all other judicial officials holding office or presiding in this District, unless otherwise provided by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of these policies be distributed by the Clerk of each Superior Court to all judicial officials in this District, to the Sheriffs of Burke and Caldwell Counties, the Troop Commander for the local State Highway Patrol, and each Chief of Police for each municipality within this District, to each Superior Court Judge and District Court Judge assigned to preside in this District, and published on websites established for the Courts and that the Clerk of Superior Court in each county shall file a copy in each office.

This the 15th day of formy, 2013

ROBERT C. ERVIN

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

ROBERT M. BRAD

Chief District Court Judge

RECOMMENDED BAIL POLICY

N.C.G.S. Chapter 15A, Article 26 defines and sets forth guidelines to reasonably assure a defendant's appearance in court and vests the decision as to the form of release and the amount of bond in the judicial officer who may know the most or can most readily learn the most about a defendant. A careful reading and knowledge of these statutes is necessary to administer the law equally and effectively.

It is recognized that the General Statutes require a release decision related explicitly to all factors found to be relevant to the accused's roots in the community and the circumstances of each individual case will govern each decision. However, the following recommendations are to be considered by magistrates and other judicial officials for bonds for this District.

Generally, unsecured bonds have a history of being uncollectible bonds. Court and Sheriff's officials are required to exert considerable effort in attempting to collect them. To ease that burden, we recommend the use of a written promise to appear, a custody release to a designated person or organization, a secured bond or a cash bond. A proposed order including some commonly occurring additional conditions of pre-trial relief is attached as Exhibit A.

Misdemeanors:

- A. IMPAIRED DRIVING OFFENSES
 - See the specific requirements of G.S. 15A-534.2 (See attached Exhibit "B").
- B. STRUCTURED SENTENCING MISDEMEANORS for which G.S. 15A-534(a)(b)(c) and (g) provide guidance, and for which the judicial official determines a secured bond is required:
 - 1. Class A1 \$700
 - 2. Class 1 \$500
 - 3. Class 2 \$300
 - 4 Class 3 \$200

C. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR SPECIFIC MISDEMEANORS:

- 1. See 15A-534.1 for other conditions in Domestic Violence cases (See attached Exhibit "C" and the form order attached as Exhibit "D").
- 2. See 15A-534.4 for certain conditions in sex offenses and crimes of violence against child victims (See attached Exhibit "E" and the form order attached as Exhibit "F").
- 3. See 15A-534.3 regarding an investigation by public health officials for Communicable Diseases (See attached Exhibit "G").

Felonies:

Structures Sentencing Classes:

A: NO BOND

B-1: \$100,000

B-2: \$100,000

C: \$100,000

D: \$75,000

E: \$50,000

F: \$25,000

G: \$20,000

H: \$10,000

I: \$ 3,000

Other factors to be considered are other untried pending cases against the defendant and whether a defendant possessed a firearm at the time of alleged offense.

This the 15° day of 15° day of 15° , 2013

ROBERT C. ERVIN

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

ROBERT M. BRADY Chief District Court Judge