

**DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES
WESTERN REGION**

Implementing Plan

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 2021-3

**SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF COLORADO**

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2019-2

TOPIC: Emergency Release Plan

DATE: January 29, 2016

REVISED: February 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Procedures for Emergency Release from Grand Mesa Youth Services Center

INTRODUCTION:

The DYS Western Region Detention Catchment Area includes 18 counties located in six (6) Judicial Districts, including the 6th, 7th, 9th, 14th, 21st, and 22nd Judicial Districts. The counties are: Moffat, Routt, Grand, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Pitkin, Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray, San Miguel, La Plata, Archuleta, San Juan, Montezuma, and Dolores.

The Western Region Catchment Area has capacity for a maximum of thirty-nine (39) detention beds. The beds are distributed between two secure State owned and operated facilities: Grand Mesa Youth Services Center (GMYSC) in Grand Junction (28 beds), and Pueblo Youth Services Center (PYSC) in Pueblo (9 beds). The DYS Western Region only has secure detention capacity and it is provided by the following facility: The Grand Mesa Youth Services Center located at 360 28 Road in Grand Junction.

The original SB91-94 legislation called for the development of emergency release criteria to manage detention populations. As a result, a report detailing guidelines for emergency release was prepared by a joint committee of the Department of Human Services and the State Judicial Department in 1991. CRS 19-2-924 continues to provide for the development of emergency release criteria and procedures. With that report serving as the guideline the following implementing procedures shall be implemented if the detention populations at GMYSC would be exceeded by the admission of one or more youth.

DEFINITIONS:

Emergency release:

The process of reviewing the profile of juveniles being held in secure detention when the numbers of youth being detained reaches a level of "crisis overcrowding."

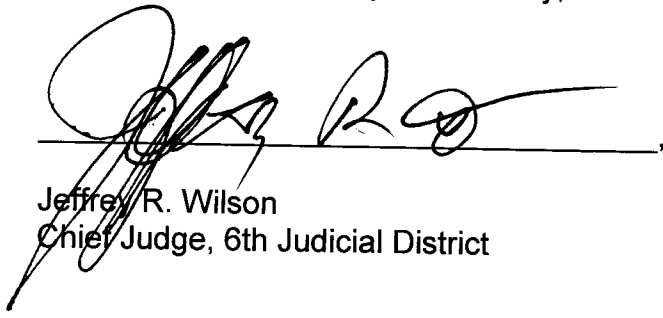
Catchment Areas:

CRS 19-2-402.5 provides for the identification of catchment areas for detention facilities operated by or under contract with the Department of Human Services. GMYSC has been identified to provide detention services for the 6th Judicial District.

EMERGENCY RELEASE ACTION STEPS:

<u>Action Step</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Assure that GMYSC has current and accurate information on the reason each youth is being held in detention. (All pending charges, sentencing status, length of sentence, etc.)	Local CYDC Detention Screeners and CYDC Case Managers and Coordinator
2. Review detention population numbers and determine that potential overcrowding exists.	GMYSC
3. Review roster of detainees and determine the level of "Priority for Release" of each youth.	GMYSC/CYDC and local CYDC Detention Screeners
4. Notify the local Judicial District CYDC detention Case Managers of the need to develop "Release Plans."	GMYSC
5. Review and access each potential emergency release candidate based upon "Release Consideration Factors."	Local CYDC Detention Case Managers and Coordinator
6. Develop a "Release Plan" which includes, at a minimum, the basic items required for a release plan and any appropriate utilization of local alternative programs developed through CYDC funding, such as work programs.	Local CYDC Detention Case Managers and Coordinator
7. Present "Release Plan" to the court through locally agreed upon procedures.	Local CYDC Detention Case Managers and Coordinator
8. Review and Approval of the Emergency Release Plan as presented if emergency release becomes necessary.	Court with Jurisdiction over the case.
9. Notification to GMYSC of Court approval of Release Plan, including details of the Release Plan.	Local CYDC Detention Case Manager and Coordinator
10. Implementation of the Release Plan if "Emergency Release" capacity is reached or if otherwise ordered by the Court.	GMYSC and Local CYDC Detention Case Manager
11. Notification to parents of juvenile that is to be released.	GMYSC and Local CYDC Detention Case Manager

So Ordered this 9th day of February, 2021



Jeffrey R. Wilson
Chief Judge, 6th Judicial District