

NOTICE TO THE BAR

CRIMINAL -- CLARIFICATION OF VENUE FOR CONTEMPT CHARGES FOR CERTAIN DEFENDANTS ON PRETRIAL RELEASE

The Supreme Court in the attached July 13, 2023 Order has relaxed Rules 3:15-1 (“Trial of Indictments or Accusations Together”) and 3:15-3(a) (“Joinder of Criminal Offense and Lesser Related Infraction”) so as to provide for joinder of certain contempt charges with the criminal offense(s) for which a defendant was ordered to pretrial monitoring.

The Court’s Order clarifies venue for matters subject to L. 2023, c. 46, as signed into law on May 8, 2023.

Questions about this notice should be directed to the AOC’s Criminal Practice Division at (609) 815-2900 x55300.



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Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: July 24, 2023

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to N.J. Const., Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, IT IS ORDERED that effective immediately, the provisions of Rules 3:15-1 ("Trial of Indictments or Accusations Together"), 3:15-3(a) ("Joinder of Criminal Offense and Lesser Related Infraction"), and such other rules as necessary, of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are relaxed and supplemented so as to clarify venue for certain contempt charges in light of L. 2023, c. 46, codified as N.J.S.A. 2C:29-9 as set forth in the following paragraph.

The court shall order joinder of any pending criminal offense that charges a defendant with purposely or knowingly violating (1) a condition of pretrial release to avoid all contact with an alleged victim or (2) a condition of home detention, with the criminal offense(s) for which the defendant was ordered to pretrial monitoring.

These rule relaxations shall remain in effect pending the adoption of conforming rule amendments.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: July 13, 2023