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To: Law Enforcement Partners

Please be advised that in response to COVID-19, we are taking unprecedented steps to protect the welfare of our community, staff, and inmates. In the interest of public health, I have worked with the Board of County Commissioners to sign a resolution limiting the number of individuals housed in the jail.

In accordance with Missoula County Resolution No. 2020-029:

Effective immediately, the Missoula County Detention Facility (MCDF) will not accept individuals into the detention center who have been charged, but not convicted of non-violent misdemeanor offenses under state laws and/or city ordinances.

Effective immediately, the Missoula County Detention Center will not accept individuals into the detention center who have been arrested based on a warrant for failure to appear for court dates related to non-violent misdemeanor offenses under state laws and/or city ordinances.

The Missoula County Detention Facility will continue to book individuals arrested for the following reasons:

1. Felony Offenses
2. Violent / Dangerous Misdemeanors
3. Exigent Circumstances (Contact Captain Petersen 370-4166 or On-call 258-4015)

We recognize the challenges that everyone in the law enforcement community is facing in these uncertain times. It is our sincerest hope that taking drastic steps to stop the spread will allow for safer operations for us all.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T.J. McDermott".

TJ McDermott
Sheriff