

5-403. Revocation or modification of release orders.

A. **Scope.** In accordance with this rule, the court may consider revocation of the defendant's pretrial release or modification of the defendant's conditions of release

- (1) if the defendant is alleged to have violated a condition of release; or
- (2) to prevent interference with witnesses or the proper administration of justice.

B. **Motion for revocation or modification of conditions of release.**

- (1) The court may consider revocation of the defendant's pretrial release or modification of the defendant's conditions of release on motion of the prosecutor or on the court's own motion.
- (2) The defendant may file a response to the motion, but the filing of a response shall not delay any hearing under Paragraph D or E of this rule.

C. **Issuance of summons or bench warrant.** If the court does not deny the motion on the pleadings, the court shall issue a summons and notice of hearing, unless the court finds that the interests of justice may be better served by the issuance of a bench warrant. The summons or bench warrant shall include notice of the reasons for the review of the pretrial release decision.

D. **Initial hearing.**

- (1) The court shall hold an initial hearing as soon as practicable, but no later than three (3) days after the defendant is detained.
- (2) At the initial hearing, the court may continue the existing conditions of release, set different conditions of release, or propose revocation of release.
- (3) If the court proposes revocation of release, the court shall schedule an evidentiary hearing under Paragraph E of this rule, unless waived by the defendant.

E. **Evidentiary hearing.**

- (1) **Time.** The evidentiary hearing shall be held as soon as practicable. If the defendant is in custody, the evidentiary hearing shall be held no later than seven (7) days after the initial hearing.
- (2) **Defendant's rights.** The defendant has the right to be present and to be represented by counsel and, if financially unable to obtain counsel, to have counsel appointed. The defendant shall be afforded an opportunity to testify, to present witnesses, to compel the attendance of witnesses, to cross-examine witnesses who appear at the hearing, and to present information by proffer or otherwise. If the defendant testifies at the hearing, the defendant's testimony shall not

be used against the defendant at trial except for impeachment purposes or in a subsequent prosecution for perjury.

F. Order at completion of evidentiary hearing. At the completion of an evidentiary hearing, the court shall determine whether the defendant has violated a condition of release or whether revocation of the defendant's release is necessary to prevent interference with witnesses or the proper administration of justice. The court may

- (1) continue the existing conditions of release;
- (2) set new or additional conditions of release in accordance with Rule [5-401](#) NMRA; or
- (3) revoke the defendant's release, if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that
 - (a) the defendant has willfully violated a condition of release and that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably ensure the defendant's compliance with the release conditions ordered by the court; or
 - (b) revocation of the defendant's release is necessary to prevent interference with witnesses or the proper administration of justice.

An order revoking release shall include written findings of the individualized facts justifying revocation.

G. Evidence. The New Mexico Rules of Evidence shall not apply to the presentation and consideration of information at any hearing under this rule.

H. Review of conditions. If the court enters an order setting new or additional conditions of release, the defendant may file a motion to review the conditions under Rule [5-401](#)(H) NMRA. If, upon disposition of the motion, the defendant is detained or continues to be detained because of a failure to meet a condition imposed, or is subject to a requirement to return to custody after specified hours, the defendant may appeal in accordance with Rule [5-405](#) NMRA and Rule [12-204](#) NMRA.

I. Expedited trial scheduling for defendant in custody. The district court shall provide expedited priority scheduling in a case in which the defendant is detained pending trial.

J. Appeal. If the court revokes the defendant's release, the defendant may appeal in accordance with Rule [5-405](#) NMRA and Rule [12-204](#) NMRA. The appeal shall be heard in an expedited manner. The defendant shall be detained pending the disposition of the appeal.

K. Petition for review of revocation order issued by magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court. If the magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court issues an order revoking

the defendant's release, the defendant may petition the district court for review under this paragraph.

(1) ***Petition; requirements.*** The petition shall include the specific facts that warrant review by the district court and may include a request for a hearing. The petitioner shall promptly

- (a) file a copy of the district court petition in the magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court;
- (b) serve a copy on the district attorney; and
- (c) provide a copy to the assigned district court judge.

(2) ***Magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court's jurisdiction pending determination of the petition.*** Upon the filing of the petition, the magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court's jurisdiction to set or amend conditions of release shall be suspended pending determination of the petition by the district court. The case shall proceed in the magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court while the petition is pending.

(3) ***District court review.*** The district court shall rule on the petition in an expedited manner.

(a) Within three (3) days after the petition is filed, the district court shall take one of the following actions:

- (i) issue an order affirming the revocation order; or
- (ii) set a hearing to be held within ten (10) days after the filing of the petition and promptly transmit a copy of the notice to the magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court.

(b) If the district court holds a hearing on the petition, at the conclusion of the hearing the court shall issue either an order affirming the revocation order or an order setting conditions of release in accordance with Rule [5-401](#) NMRA.

(4) ***Transmission of district court order to magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court.*** The district court shall promptly transmit the order to the magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court, and jurisdiction over the conditions of release shall revert to the magistrate, metropolitan, or municipal court.

(5) ***Appeal.*** If the district court affirms the revocation order, the defendant may appeal in accordance with Rule [5-405](#) NMRA and Rule [12-204](#) NMRA.

L. Judicial discretion; disqualification and excusal. Action by any court on any matter relating to pretrial release or detention shall not preclude the subsequent statutory disqualification of a judge. A judge may not be excused from reviewing a lower court's order

revoking conditions of release unless the judge is required to recuse under the provisions of the New Mexico Constitution or the Code of Judicial Conduct.

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