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## AMENDMENT TO PRETRIAL RELEASE POLICIES IN THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**GUILFORD COUNTY** 

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THIS AMENDMENT to Guilford County's Pretrial Release policies is made to correct an omission in the original Pretrial Release policies enacted on January 6, 2021. On page 5, under Section III, subsection B, "Other Statutes that Must be Considered," a number (12) is added pertaining to N.C.G.S. Sec. 15A-533(f), which addresses illegal use, possession, or discharge of a firearm.

On page 7, a new subsection (F) is added, to read as follows:

F. Illegal Use, Possession or Discharge of a Firearm

There shall be a rebuttable presumption that no condition of release will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of the community, if a judicial official finds there is reasonable cause to believe that the person committed a felony or Class A1 misdemeanor offense involving the illegal use, possession, or discharge of a firearm; and the judicial official also finds any of the following:

- (1) The offense was committed while the person was on pretrial release for another felony or Class A1 misdemeanor offense involving the illegal use, possession, or discharge of a firearm.
- (2) The person has previously been convicted of a felony or Class A1 misdemeanor offense involving the illegal use, possession, or discharge of a firearm and not more than five years have elapsed since the date of conviction or the person's release for the offense, whichever is later [G.S. 15A-533(f)].

Except as amended herein, the balance of the previously-published pretrial procedures shall remain in full force and effect.

Date: January 18, 2022.

By:

The Honorable John O. Craig III

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

The Honorable Teresa H. Vincent

Chief District Court Judge