

7-403. 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 if the defendant is in custody, the hearing shall be held no later than three (3) days after the defendant is detained if the defendant is being held in the local detention center, or no later than five (5) days after the defendant is detained if the defendant is not being held in the local detention center.

(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 7-401 NMRA; or
- (3) revoke the defendant's release, if the court
 - (a) finds ~~[that there is]~~ either

(i) probable cause to believe that the defendant committed a federal, state, or local crime while on release; or

(ii) clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has willfully violated any other condition of release; and

(b) finds ~~[that there is]~~ clear and convincing evidence that either

(i) no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably ensure the defendant's compliance with the release conditions ordered by the court; or

(ii) 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 metropolitan court enters an order setting new or additional conditions of release and 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 petition the district court for review in accordance with Rule 7-401(J) NMRA. The defendant may petition the district court immediately ~~[upon]~~ on the issuance of the metropolitan court order and shall not be required to first seek review or reconsideration by the metropolitan court. If, ~~[upon]~~ on disposition of the petition by the district court, 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 metropolitan court shall provide expedited priority scheduling in a case in which the defendant is detained pending trial. The court shall hold a status review hearing in any case in which the defendant has been held for more than sixty (60) days. The purpose of the status review hearing is to conduct a meaningful review of the progress of the case. If the court determines that insufficient progress has been made, then the court shall issue an appropriate scheduling order.

J. **Petition to district court for review of revocation order.** If the metropolitan court issues an order revoking the defendant's release, the defendant may petition the district court for review under this paragraph and Rule 5-403(K) NMRA.

(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 metropolitan court;

(b) serve a copy on the district attorney; and

(c) provide a copy to the assigned district court judge.

(2) ***Metropolitan court's jurisdiction pending determination of the petition.*** On the filing of the petition, the metropolitan court's jurisdiction to set or amend conditions of release shall be suspended pending determination of the petition by the district court. The metropolitan court shall retain jurisdiction over all other aspects of the case, and the case shall proceed in the metropolitan 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]~~ send a copy of the notice to the metropolitan 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 under Rule 5-401 NMRA.

(4) ***District court order; transmission to metropolitan court.*** The district court shall promptly ~~[transmit]~~ send the order to the metropolitan court, and jurisdiction over the conditions of release shall revert to the metropolitan 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.

[As amended, effective September 1, 1990; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 17-8300-005, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after July 1, 2017; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-024, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after February 1, 2019; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 22-8300-015, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2022.]

Committee commentary. — The 2017 amendments to this rule clarify the procedure for the court to follow when considering revocation of the defendant’s pretrial release or modification of the defendant’s conditions of release for violating the conditions of release. In *State v. Segura*, 2014-NMCA-037, ¶¶ 1, 24-25, 321 P.3d 140, the Court of Appeals held that due process requires courts to afford the defendant notice and an opportunity to be heard before the court may revoke

1 the defendant's bail and remand the defendant into custody. *See also Tijerina v. Baker*, 1968-
2 NMSC-009, ¶ 9, 78 N.M. 770, 438 P.2d 514 (explaining that the right to bail is not absolute); *id.*
3 ¶ 10 ("If the court has inherent power to revoke bail of a defendant during trial and pending final
4 disposition of the criminal case in order to prevent interference with witnesses or the proper
5 administration of justice, the right to do so before trial seems to be equally apparent under a proper
6 set of facts."); *State v. Rivera*, 2003-NMCA-059, ¶ 20, 133 N.M. 571, 66 P.3d 344 ("Conditions
7 of release are separate, coercive powers of a court, apart from the bond itself. They are enforceable
8 by immediate arrest, revocation, or modification if violated. Such conditions of release are
9 intended to protect the public and keep the defendant in line."), *rev'd on other grounds*, 2004-
10 NMSC-001, 134 N.M. 768, 82 P.3d 939.

11 Paragraph G provides that the New Mexico Rules of Evidence do not apply at a revocation
12 hearing, consistent with Rule 11-1101(D)(3)(e) NMRA. [~~Like~~] As with courts in other types of
13 proceedings [~~where~~] in which the Rules of Evidence do not apply, [~~at~~] a court presiding over a
14 pretrial detention hearing [~~the court~~] is responsible "for assessing the reliability and accuracy" of
15 the information presented. *See United States v. Martir*, 782 F.2d 1141, 1145 (2d Cir. 1986)
16 (explaining that in a pretrial detention hearing the judge "retains the responsibility for assessing
17 the reliability and accuracy of the government's information, whether presented by proffer or by
18 direct proof"); *State v. Ingram*, 155 A.3d 597 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. 2017) (holding that it is
19 within the discretion of the detention hearing court to determine whether a pretrial detention order
20 may be supported in an individual case by documentary evidence, proffer, one or more live
21 witnesses, or other forms of information the court deems sufficient); *see also United States v.*
22 *Marshall*, 519 F. Supp. 751, 754 (E.D. Wis. 1981) ("So long as the information which the
23 sentencing judge considers has sufficient indicia of reliability to support its probable accuracy, the

information may properly be taken into account in passing sentence.”), *aff’d*, 719 F.2d 887 (7th Cir., 1983); *State v. Guthrie*, 2011-NMSC-014, ¶¶ 36-39, 43, 150 N.M. 84, 257 P.3d 904 (explaining that in a probation revocation hearing, the court should focus on the reliability of the evidence); *State v. Vigil*, 1982-NMCA-058, ¶ 24, 97 N.M. 749, 643 P.2d 618 (holding in a probation revocation hearing that hearsay untested for accuracy or reliability lacked probative value).

Paragraph I requires the metropolitan court to prioritize the scheduling of trial and other proceedings for cases in which the defendant is held in custody. See generally *United States v. Salerno*, 481 U.S. 739, 747 (1987) (concluding that the detention provisions in the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142, did not violate due process, in part due to “the stringent time limitations of the Speedy Trial Act,” 18 U.S.C. § 3161); Am. Bar Ass’n, *ABA Standards for Criminal Justice: Pretrial Release*, Standard 10-5.11 (3d ed. 2007) (“Every jurisdiction should establish, by statute or court rule, accelerated time limitations within which detained defendants should be tried consistent with the sound administration of justice.”). This rule does not preclude earlier or more regular status review hearings. The purpose of the hearing is to determine how best to expedite a trial in the case. A meaningful review of the progress of the case includes assessment of the parties’ compliance with applicable deadlines, satisfaction of discovery obligations, and witness availability, among other matters. If the court determines that the parties have made insufficient progress on these measures, then it shall issue an appropriate scheduling order.

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