

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
Caledonia Unit

CRIMINAL DIVISION  
383-7-15 Cacr, 730-12-15 Cacr,  
286-6-17 Cacr, 338-6-17 Cacr,  
125-3-15 Cacr, 230-4-16 Cacr,  
469-8-18 Cacr & 271-5-19 Cacr

<p>State of Vermont v. Robert Dragon</p>	<p>ENTRY ORDER</p> <p><b>FILED</b> MAR 31 2020 VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT CALEDONIA UNIT</p>
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ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

The current COVID-19 pandemic has caused a number of Vermont inmates and detainees to file motions and requests in which they ask the Court to consider the effect of the COVID-19 outbreak on their continued incarceration or detention.

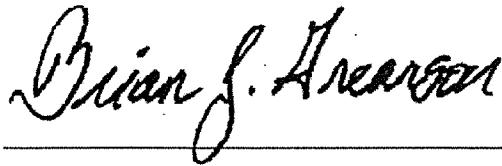
Although movants have used a variety of titles, including “Motion for Emergency Action,” “Motion to Correct Sentence,” “Emergency Rule 35 Motion” and the like, all these motions involve common questions of law or fact, including: (1) those related to the impact, if any, of COVID-19 on incarcerated inmates and pretrial detainees, and (2) those raising concerns about the Vermont Department of Corrections’ preparedness and ability to ensure inmate safety or to otherwise prevent the introduction of contagion into its facilities.

Pursuant to V.R.Cr.P. 57 and the authority granted to the Chief Superior Judge by A.O. 49 (as amended) to avoid unnecessary cost and delay, the Court hereby ORDERS the consolidation of these actions for hearing by a single judge for the purpose of hearing legal argument and ruling on the factual and legal issues as to all claims raised in these motions.

The consolidated hearings have been assigned to Judge John Pacht and shall be conducted to the extent feasible, via video at Chittenden Superior Court, Costello Courthouse, 32 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT, at a time and place to be noticed and sent to the parties.

SO ORDERED.

Dated this 31 day of March 2020 at St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian J. Grearson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Hon. Brian Grearson  
Chief Superior Judge