

1 **6-409. Pretrial detention.**

2 A. **Scope.** This rule governs the procedure for the prosecutor to file a motion for
3 pretrial detention in the magistrate and district court while a case is pending in the magistrate court.
4 Notwithstanding the right to pretrial release under Article II, Section 13 of the New Mexico
5 Constitution and Rule 6-401 NMRA, under Article II, Section 13 and Rule 5-409 NMRA, the
6 district court may order the detention pending trial of a defendant charged with a felony offense if
7 the prosecutor files a written motion titled “Expedited Motion for Pretrial Detention” and proves
8 by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of
9 any other person or the community.

10 B. **Motion for pretrial detention.** The prosecutor may file a written expedited motion
11 for pretrial detention at any time in both the magistrate court and in the district court. The motion
12 shall include the specific facts that warrant pretrial detention.

13 C. **Determination of probable cause.** If a motion for pretrial detention is filed in the
14 magistrate court and a probable cause determination has not been made, the magistrate court shall
15 determine probable cause under Rule 6-203 NMRA. If the court finds no probable cause, the court
16 shall order the immediate personal recognizance release of the defendant under Rule 6-203 NMRA
17 and shall deny the motion for pretrial detention without prejudice.

18 D. **Determination of motion by district court.** If probable cause has been found, the
19 magistrate court clerk shall promptly transmit to the district court clerk a copy of the motion for
20 pretrial detention, the criminal complaint, and all other papers filed in the case. The magistrate
21 court’s jurisdiction [~~to set or amend conditions of release~~] shall then be terminated, and the district
22 court shall acquire exclusive jurisdiction over [~~issues of pretrial release until the case is remanded~~]

1 ~~by the district court following disposition of the detention motion under Paragraph E of this rule]~~
2 the case.

3 E. **Further proceedings in magistrate court.** Upon completion of the hearing, if the
4 case is pending in the magistrate court, the district court shall promptly transmit to the magistrate
5 court ~~[a copy of either the order for pretrial detention or the order setting conditions of release.~~
6 ~~The magistrate court may modify the order setting conditions of release upon a showing of good~~
7 ~~cause, but as long as the case remains pending, the magistrate court may not release a defendant~~
8 ~~who has been ordered detained by the district court]~~ an order closing the magistrate court case.

9 [Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 17-8300-005, effective for all cases pending or filed on or
10 after July 1, 2017; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 20-8300-013, effective for all cases
11 pending or filed on or after November 23, 2020.]

12 **Committee commentary.** —

13 **Paragraph C** — Federal constitutional law requires a “prompt judicial determination of
14 probable cause” to believe the defendant committed a chargeable offense, before or within 48
15 hours after arrest, in order to continue detention or other significant restraint of liberty. *Cty. of*
16 *Riverside v. McLaughlin*, 500 U.S. 44, 47, 56 (1991).

17 **Paragraph D** — Upon the filing of a motion for pretrial detention and a finding of probable
18 cause, the magistrate court is deprived of jurisdiction to set or amend the conditions of release.
19 The filing of the motion does not, however, stay the case in the magistrate court. Nothing in this
20 rule shall prevent timely preliminary examinations from proceeding while the detention motion is
21 pending.

22 **Paragraph E** — If the district court issues a detention order under Rule 5-409 NMRA, the
23 magistrate court cannot release the defendant while the case is pending. The magistrate court

- 1 should, however, issue a release order if the state files a voluntary dismissal or if the court
- 2 dismisses the case under other rules, such as Rule 6-202(A)(3) or (D)(1) NMRA.
- 3 [Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 17-8300-005, effective for all cases pending or filed on or
- 4 after July 1, 2017.]