

ORDER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUDICIAL AVAILABILITY PLAN

Effective Date: November 16, 2018

The purpose of this Local Administrative Order is to establish a Judicial Availability Plan in accordance with MCR 6.104G

IT IS ORDERED:

That in accordance with MCR 6.104 (G), the following plan for judicial availability is adopted for filing with the State Court Administrative Office:

1. A judge or magistrate of the 14A, 14B or 15th District Courts shall be available for arraignments and the setting of bonds each day of the year. It shall be the responsibility of the chief judge of the Court to assure that there will be a judge or magistrate available each day of the year.

2. The complaints/warrants must be prepared by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office before the arraignment or bond hearing can be held.

3. On weekends and holidays a judge or magistrate of the 14A, 14B or 15th District Courts shall be assigned on a rotating basis the responsibility for being available for arraignments and the setting of bonds. The judge or magistrate available on weekends and holidays will also sign for the issuance of search warrants countywide.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the chief judge of the 14A, 14B or 15th District Courts to prepare the weekend and holiday arraignment and bond hearing schedule. The chief judges of the 14A, 14B and 15th District Courts shall provide the chief judge of the 22nd Circuit Court and all law enforcement agencies the schedule and any amendments to the schedule.

5. Whenever an accused is unable to post bond, the judicial officer shall order the arresting officer to arrange prompt transportation of the accused to the Judicial District having jurisdiction of the offense no later than the next regular business day.

6. All arraignments on weekends and holidays will be conducted at the 14A1 District Court or by video.



David S. Swartz
Chief Judge

Date

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