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IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON



BENTON COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT

AMENDED

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO.20-003

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH

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CRIMINAL CASES  
CURRENTLY  
SET FOR HEARINGS

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of Washington has declared a state of emergency in all counties due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19; and

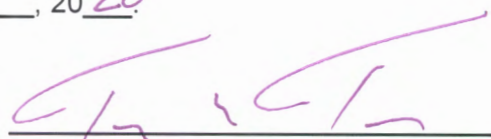
WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No.25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to Benton County District Court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Benton County has declared an emergency in response to COVID-19,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, until further notice and effective Thursday, April 9, 2020:

1. All criminal cases currently set for arraignments, pre-trials, motions, trial readiness, non-compliance, probation, restitution, sentencing, jail review, and no-contact orders will be reset with notice for hearings after May 4, 2020. Any cases currently set for the above referenced hearings, where the defendant is being held in custody on their District Court matter, will not be reset. These cases will be heard on their currently scheduled court date on the in-custody docket.
2. Pending criminal and civil cases, upon motion/agreement of the parties, may be set and handled either in court or by video/audio appearance while the stay-at-home order is still in effect.
3. For all hearings currently pending that are delayed by effect of this order, the delay/continuance shall constitute an excluded period for purposes of Speedy Trial, CrRLJ 3.3, Arraignment, CrRLJ 4.1, and any other applicable court rule.
4. If the stay-at-home order of Governor Inslee is extended beyond May 4, 2020, all criminal and civil cases set after May 4, 2020, but within the period of the stay-at-home extension, will be reset.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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Presiding Judge Terry Tanner