

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE  
COUNTIES OF FERRY, PEND OREILLE, AND STEVENS

IN THE MATTER OF	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
SUPERIOR COURT'S RESPONSE TO THE	)	Ferry No. 20-2-00001-10
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY	)	Pend Oreille No. 04-10-2020
RE: ADULT CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS	)	Stevens No. 20-2-00001-33 #12
	)	<u>*Clerk's action required</u>

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice Stevens issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of the trial courts in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to this 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;

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Jay Inslee, has extended the stay at home order for Washington State until May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Superior Court Judicial District has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which poses a grave risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, each Board of County Commissioners in the Tri-County Judicial District of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties has declared a state of emergency and either closed or limited access to county facilities, including the courthouse;

The Superior Court for the Tri-County Judicial District of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties FINDS:

The Court's March 16, 2020, Administrative Order, issued in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Re: Criminal Court Proceedings, no longer accurately reflects the current circumstances affecting court operations.

Modifications of the court calendar and procedures are necessary to ensure continued operation of the court and performance of essential court functions during this public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

**This order supersedes the Superior Court's March 16, 2020, Administrative Order Re: Criminal Court Proceedings.**

RE: SUPERIOR COURTROOMS

- A. Courtrooms are locked and physical appearances in court are prohibited.
- B. The Court remains open and available to perform essential functions.
- C. All courtroom proceedings shall be conducted via telephone and/or video.
- D. The public may observe court by calling a designated conference call number. Audio CDs are also available at no cost. *(see Attachment A for more details)*

RE: ADULT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS:


- A. **All criminal jury trial terms are hereby suspended until after May 31, 2020.**
- B. \*By this order, the Clerks shall strike all criminal trials currently set on the May 2020 jury terms and provide a list of those cases to the Court Administrator.
- C. Pursuant to CrR 3.3(e)(8), the period of time between March 16, 2020 (date of previous order) and May 31, 2020, shall be an excluded period for the purposes of speedy trial calculations.
- D. In custody first appearances and arraignments will proceed as scheduled. Defendants shall appear by video from the jail. Prosecutors and defense attorneys shall appear telephonically, until after May 4, 2020.
- E. All out of custody proceedings are hereby suspended and all out of custody dockets are cancelled until after May 4, 2020.

CrR 4.1(a)(2), pertaining to speedy arraignment of out of custody defendants, is hereby suspended until after May 4, 2020.

\*By this order, the Clerks shall strike all out of custody criminal hearings and/or cancel the out of custody criminal dockets set to occur between the date of this order and May 4, 2020. Each affected case will be rescheduled by separate court order.

- F. By entry of this order, any CrR 3.2 order provisions requiring defendants to submit to random UAs as a condition of pre-trial release are hereby suspended until May 5, 2020. No further order modifying conditions of release is necessary.

DATED this 10th day of April, 2020.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica T. Reeves, Presiding Judge

## ATTACHMENT A

### **Ferry County:**

To call into a court hearing, dial (509) 684-7598 and enter the following:

Meeting No. 3450#

Attendee No. 1234#

To order a CD, contact the Ferry County Clerk's office at (509) 775-5225, ext. 505.

### **Pend Oreille County:**

To call into a court hearing, dial (509) 684-7598 and enter the following:

Meeting No. 3455#

Attendee No. 1234#

To order a CD, contact the Pend Oreille County Clerk's office at (509) 447-2435.

### **Stevens County:**

To call into a court hearing, dial (509) 684-7598 and enter the following:

Meeting No. 7552#

Attendee No. 1234#

To order a CD, contact the Stevens County Clerk's office at (509) 684-7575.

---

NOTE: CD fees do not apply to recordings of court proceedings conducted between March 23, 2020 and May 4, 2020.