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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF MASON**

BY _____ DEPUTY
STEPHEN K. FOGG CO. CLERK

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH)
) RE: CRIMINAL MATTERS
)
) NO. 20-2-00002-23

THIS MATTER has come before the Court Sua Sponte, the Court finds as follows:

The Supreme Court of Washington has issued emergency orders regarding Superior Court operations in response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The orders have granted ongoing 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; and

The Court has been holding criminal matter hearings with the parties required to appear in person, subject to individual approvals to appear electronically, since July 6, 2020. All hearings are being conducted pursuant to strict health protocol guidelines and the Administrative Order re: Mitigation dated June 9, 2020.

This Order is entered to clarify the status of Criminal Proceedings.

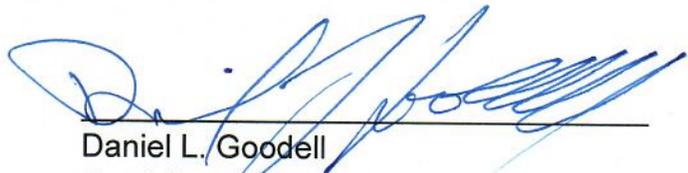
Based upon the above and adopting the further findings as set forth in the above-described Supreme Court orders, the Mason County Superior Court is taking the following actions and entering the following Orders:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Termination of Prior Administrative Criminal Orders.** The Mason County Superior Court Administrative Order regarding Criminal Matters, entered on March 19, 2020, and the Administrative Order entered on April 16, 2020, as it

relates to criminal matters, are terminated and replaced with the following provisions.

2. **In-custody Defendants.** Matters where the Defendant is held in custody may be heard electronically, consistent with the provisions of CrR 3.4.
3. **All other Matters.** Defendants and their counsel are required to appear in person for all other criminal hearings, unless otherwise authorized by the Court.
4. **Electronic Streaming.** All criminal hearings will be streamed live via the Zoom conference platform. Information regarding access and location of the electronic streaming will continue to be posted on the Mason County Superior Court website.
5. **Jury Trials.** All jury trials will be conducted pursuant to the most current COVID-19 Jury Trial Protocol as posted on the Mason County Superior Court website. A public viewing room for the live streaming of jury trials will be provided in the Courthouse.
6. DATED this 5 day of August, 2020.



Daniel L. Goodell
Presiding Judge