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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON,
COUNTY OF PIERCE**

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE
BY PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
IN WASHINGTON STATE

Emergency Order: 20-12

EMERGENCY ORDER #12
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER
REGARDING ADULT CRIMINAL
PROCEEDINGS BY VIDEO
CONFERENCING

This matter comes before the Court again on the COVID-19 public health emergency in Washington State.

Pierce County Superior Court Emergency Order's 1 thru 11 as well as Supreme Court Order 25700-B-606 and 607 are incorporated by reference.

In a continuing and expanding effort to reduce the incidents of close contact between employees of Pierce County Superior Court, Pierce County Prosecutor's Office, the Department of Assigned Counsel, those engaged in either conflict or private defense of the accused, Pierce County Corrections staff, and members of the public,

1 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

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3 A. The Court authorizes appearances by way of video conferencing for in-custody
4 defendants for certain matters including entry of guilty plea and sentencing in
5 criminal matters. CrR 3.4(d) is suspended until further order of this Court.
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7 B. Procedures:

8 The defense attorney will prepare the Statement of Defendant on Plea of
9 Guilty, talk to their client by telephone, verbally go over the plea paperwork in detail,
10 and answer any questions.

11 The defendant will remain in the jail in a room with a camera, monitor and
12 custody officer. The judge, court reporter, defense attorney and prosecutor will be in
13 courtroom 127, practicing physical distancing.

14 The colloquy must include that the parties, including the defendant,
15 understand they have a constitutional right to be physically present and expressly
16 consents to the video appearance and that court approves

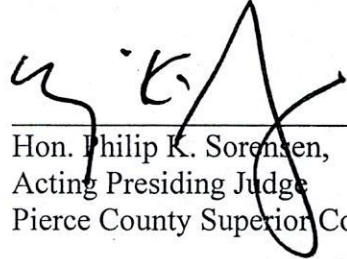
17 The colloquy must also include that the defendant has not had physical access
18 to the plea paperwork, but that the defense attorney has covered all the contents and
19 the defendant understands and authorizes the court to affix an indication of the
20 defendant's signature

21 The defendant will acknowledge on the record that the attorney is authorized
22 to sign on his or her behalf.

23 The defendant will affix his or her fingerprints to the fingerprint form and sign,
24 while the parties and the court articulate for the record the procedure that has taken
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1 place. Pierce County Jail staff shall deliver the original fingerprint document to the
2 Criminal Presiding courtroom by the next court day.

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5 DATED this 27th day of March 2020.

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8 Hon. Philip K. Sorensen,
9 Acting Presiding Judge
10 Pierce County Superior Court

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