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To the Court,

I am writing in opposition to the changes currently proposed to CrR 4.1 and CrRLJ 4.1. These changes require arraignment be held within three days of charges being filed, as opposed the current requirement of 14 days.

Though the basis for the requested changes is understandable, implementing the amended rule would cause significant practical issues. In between the filing of charges and the arraignment, Prosecutor's Offices send notice of the arraignment date to victims and to defendants subject to conditions of release. Often, this notice must be sent by postal mail which would not arrive in three days. For victims, it matters not just that notice arrives but that it arrives in time for the victim to be able to make work, childcare, or transportation arraignments so they can appear at arraignment if they wish. This is particularly important because arraignment may result in the release of the defendant, who might pose a danger to the victim. The three-day timeline would also make scheduling around common occurrences like court holidays and severe weather closures significantly more challenging.

I urge the Court to reject the changes proposed to CrR 4.1 and CrRLJ 4.1.

Respectfully,
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