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I wanted to specifically address the proposed rule change to CrR/CrRLJ 4.1, CrRLJ 3.2.1. While I am not an attorney, I have been part of administrative staffing for quite some time now and I wanted the Court to consider the affects that it might have on myself and others.

Currently within two weeks, we can have the paperwork prepared for the attorneys to be prepared in Court, including defense. With three days, we would no longer be able to do that. This also helps us to maintain the quantity of the Court's calendar, so that we would not overset them. But with this proposed change, the arraignment calendar could be heavily overset and a burden to all the staff that are involved, including jail and court staff. If the arraignment calendar needed to be its own courtroom with an all day calendar, but that would require a dedicated Judge/Commissioner and the court staff and jail staff available to operate it, and I just don't foresee that being logical especially since the jail is highly understaffed.

Our staff also is responsible for mailing notices to defendants, three days is not sufficient for an out of custody to receive notice via the United States Postal Service. For in custody defendants, the examples provided to the Court indicate that these defendants would have been released earlier, but from my observations, two weeks gives a newly assigned public defender a chance to meet with their client to obtain relevant information for their release argument, I also think this would be burdensome on these defense attorneys who are juggling a heavy case load to try and obtain enough information for a proper release argument.



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