

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY  
STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF

Court Response to AOC Emergency

) EMERGENCY  
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
)  
) NO. 1-2024

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2024, the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) notified courts across the State of Washington that a significant disruption had occurred to information systems that are hosted by the AOC due to “unauthorized activity on the Washington Courts network”:

**WHEREAS**, Washington Courts, including Jefferson County District Court, are unable to access any systems or databases hosted by AOC including by not limited to the Judicial Information System (JIS) and the Abstract of Driving Record (ADR). Therefore, courts have limited or no access to Washington State case information, Washington State criminal history, Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) records, and Washington State Protection Order history;

**WHEREAS**, The Revised Code of Washington requires that Judicial officers consult certain databases prior to entering certain orders;

**WHEREAS**, the disruption to AOC systems has had a significant impact on court operations and AOC has not identified a date on which access to all systems will resume;

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2024, the Washington State Supreme Court promulgated Emergency Administrative Order No. 25700-B-720 allowing Washington Courts to expand or extend time rules on criminal cases regarding filing, speedy trial, sentencing, and out of custody arraignment, speedy infraction filings, hearings, and dispositions, if the unavailability of the AOC networks and databases hinders the local court’s ability to meet said deadlines or process filing submitted by litigants, and allowing courts to use other databases to get information not available by JIS or DOL as required by statute;

**WHEREAS**, the following expansion and extensions of rules are necessary because of the unavailability of the AOC networks and databases in order for

Jefferson County District Court to meet deadlines, process filings submitted by litigants and effectively decide cases.

### SUSPENDED COURT RULES

1. All Court rules, policies and procedures regarding filing, scheduling, docketing, and transmitting information to AOC are extended by 14 days from the date of this order or until the AOC judicial information systems are restored, whichever is later.
2. All time requirements of CrRLJ 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, CrRLJ 4.7, IRLJ 2.1, and IRLJ 2.6 (both civil infractions and vehicle related violations) and any other court rule, policy or procedure governing "time" is hereby extended for 14 days from the date of this order or until the AOC judicial information systems are restored, whichever is later.

### AFFECTED CASE TYPES

Because of the inability to access certain information systems, the Court is unable and therefore will not act on the following types of motions/petitions for at least 14 days from the date of this order or until the AOC judicial information systems are restored, whichever is later:

1. Name Change Hearings
2. Motion to Modify a Protection Order of criminal No Contact Order
3. Granting and/or reviewing compliance of a Deferred Finding on an Infraction
4. Granting a Deferred Prosecution
5. Any other motion/petition that cannot statutorily be decided without a review of an AOC system or database that cannot currently be addressed.

### DISCRETION TO CONTINUE A MOTION HEARING

This Court relies on AOC informational systems when ruling on many matters, even when it is not statutorily required to do so. The Court retains discretion to continue a motion hearing which the judicial officer lacks vital information based on the AOC outage. This includes but is not limited to:


1. Arraignment hearings
2. Sentencing hearings
3. Sentence Compliance and/or other review hearings
4. Infraction hearings
5. Deferred Prosecution petitions
6. Deferred Finding Infractions petitions/requests
7. Protection Order Hearings (Temporary and Full Orders)

DISCRETION TO ADJUDICATE

This Court authorizes lifting any failure to respond to infractions or failure to appear for an infraction hearing as a result of the disruption of AOC Systems and this Court grants authorization to request that the Department of License waive reissue fees.

THEREFORE, it is Hereby ORDERED that this Order will take effect November 13, 2024, and will remain in effect until further order of this Court.

DATED this 13 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

  
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Hon. Mindy Walker  
Jefferson County District Court Judge