

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, STEVENSON MUNICIPAL COURT, NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR SKAMANIA COUNTY

IN RE:

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON
STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
COURTS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE

AMENDED EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-11

OUTAGE

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, on November 8, 2024 the Washington State Supreme Court promulgated Emergency Administrative Order No. 25700-B₇720 allowing Washington Courts to expand or extend time rules on criminal cases regarding filing, speedy trial, sentencing, and out of custody arraignments, and speedy infraction filings, hearings, and disposition, if the unavailability of the AOC networks and databases hinders the local court's ability to meet said deadlines or process filings submitted by litigants, and allowing courts to use other databases to get information not available via 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 Skamania County District Court, Stevenson Municipal Court and North Bonneville Municipal Court to meet deadlines, process filings submitted by litigants, and effectively decide cases;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to continue the essential work during the AOC system disruption, Skamania County District Court, Stevenson Municipal Court and North Bonneville Municipal Court adopts the following rules and procedures immediately and, on an emergency basis;

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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 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, 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

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 or criminal No Contact Order
- 3. Granting and/or reviewing compliance of a Deferred Finding on an Infraction
- 4. Granting of 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 accessed.

DISCRETION TO CONTINUE A MOTION HEARING

The 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 for 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 Infraction petitions/requests
- 7. Temporary Order Protection Order hearings
- 8. Full Order Protection Order Hearings

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that this Order will take effect on November 12, 2024, and will remain in effect until further order of this court.

Dated November 12, 2024.

Ron Reynier

Hon. Ronald H. Reynier District Court Judge