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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT )  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MASON )  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WA.  
CHARLES G. RHODES

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE )  
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH )  
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 ) RE: CRIMINAL MATTERS

NO. 24-2-0002-23

THIS MATTER has come before the Court Sua Sponte, the Court finds as follows:

The Supreme Court of Washington has issued emergency orders regarding Superior Court operations in response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The most recent Order of October 31, 2022, allows for virtual and in-person attendance for criminal matters;

The Court entered a Second Amended Administrative Order Re: Criminal Matters on March 11, 2022;

The Court finds that public safety no longer requires criminal matters to be held virtually, except in certain circumstances; and

The Court further finds that a limited number of virtual appearances should continue to be allowed in certain circumstances to promote judicial efficiency and to protect public safety.

Based upon the above the Mason County Superior Court is entering the following Orders:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

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1. **Recission of the Second Amended Administrative Criminal Order of March 11, 2022.** The Mason County Superior Court Second Amended Administrative Order Re: Criminal Matters, entered on March 11, 2022, is hereby rescinded.
2. **Criminal Matters Held In Person.** All criminal matters shall be held in person, except for defendants appearing virtually through the jail video booths or from DOC. Attorneys, attorney staff, defendants, and victims may request a virtual appearance utilizing the designated Zoom channel. Virtual appearances will be allowed only by court approval. All public viewing of criminal matters will be in person, unless otherwise approved by the Court.
3. **Criminal Dockets.** All matters on the Monday and Tuesday criminal dockets shall be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise scheduled by the Court.
4. **Effective date.** This Order is effective beginning March 1, 2024 until further order of this Court.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2024.



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Monty Cobb  
Presiding Judge