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2 IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF DESMOINES
3 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

4 IN RE:)
5 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO) Administrative Order No. 24-02
6 WASHINGTON STATE)
7 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE)
8 COURTS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)
9 SERVICE OUTAGE)

10 WHEREAS on November 3, 2024, the Washington State Administrative Office of the
11 Courts (AOC) notified courts across the State of Washington that a significant disruption had
12 occurred to information systems that are hosted by the AOC due to " unauthorized activity on the
13 Washington Courts network";

14 WHEREAS Washington Courts, including Des Moines Municipal Court, are unable to
15 access any systems or databases hosted by AOC including but not limited to the Judicial
16 Information System (JIS) and the Judicial Access Browser (JABS); additionally, the Courts have
17 limited or no access to Washington State case information, Washington State criminal history, or
18 Washington State Protection Order history;

19 WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington requires that judicial officers consult
20 certain databases prior to entering certain orders;

21 WHEREAS, the Des Moines Municipal Court has limited access to NCIC/III nationwide
22 criminal histories through probation or the prosecuting attorney;

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

26 WHEREAS, the loss of the judicial information systems at AOC affects all aspects of
27 court operations and has created an emergency requiring this Court take action as warranted to
28 address the current state of emergency;

29 WHEREAS the Washington Supreme Court issued Emergency Order 25700-B-720 in
30 response to the service disruption and therein authorized local courts to adopt, modify, and
31 suspend court rules and orders as warranted to address the emergency conditions.
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1 WHEREAS, the following expansion and extensions of rules is necessary due to the
2 unavailability of the AOC networks and databases in order for Des Moines Municipal Court to
3 maintain operations;

4 NOW THEREFORE, in order to continue the essential work of the Court during the
5 AOC system disruption, Des Moines Municipal Court adopts the following on an emergency
6 basis:

- 7 1. All court rules, policies, procedures, and statutes regarding filing, scheduling, docketing,
8 and transmitting information are suspended until November 28, 2024 or until the 5th
9 business day following the restoration of AOC judicial information systems, whichever
10 occurs later.
- 11 2. All court rules, policies, procedures, and statutes regarding the posting of payments are
12 suspended for a period of three (3) weeks from the date of this Order or until the 5th
13 business day following restoration of AOC judicial information systems, whichever occurs
14 later.
- 15 3. Time Limits Extended. All time requirements of CrRLJ 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, CrRLJ 4.7, IRLJ
16 2.1, IRLJ 2.6 (both civil infractions and vehicle related violations) and any other court
17 rule, policy, procedure, or statute governing ‘time’ will be extended for a period of three
18 (3) weeks from the date of this Order or until the 5th business day following restoration of
19 AOC judicial information systems, whichever occurs later.
- 20 4. Types of Motions Affected. The Court may continue, reschedule, and/or reserve ruling on
21 the following types of hearings for at least fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order
22 or until the 5th business day following restoration of AOC judicial information systems,
23 whichever occurs later:
 - 24 a. motion to revoke a Stipulated Order of Continuance absent agreement of the parties;
 - 25 b. petition to grant or motion to revoke a Deferred Prosecution;
 - 26 c. motion to modify a criminal No Contact Order absent agreement of the parties;
 - 27 d. any other motion/petition that cannot statutorily be decided without a review of an
28 AOC system or database that cannot currently be accessed; and
 - 29 e. administrative compliance reviews on Deferred Finding for civil traffic infractions.
- 30 5. Certain Court Services Unavailable. The following services will be unavailable to court
31 users for at least fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order or until the 5th business day
32 following restoration of AOC judicial information systems, whichever occurs later:
 - a. recalling active warrants from other jurisdictions pursuant to the King County inter-
 jurisdictional warrant quash program;
 - b. enrolling new participants in the Unified Payment Program;
 - c. receipting payments or performing other financial transactions.

- 1 6. Discretionary Rulings. The court relies on AOC information systems when ruling on many
2 matters, even when it is not statutorily required to do so. The court retains discretion to
3 continue a motion hearing for which the judicial officer lacks vital information based on
4 the AOC outage. This includes but is not limited to the following types of hearings:
- 5 a. arraignment;
 - 6 b. sentencing;
 - 7 c. probation revocation;
 - 8 d. mitigation or contested infractions.

9 This Order will take effect on November 14, 2024, and will remain in effect until further order
10 of this court.

11 DATED this 14th day of November, 2024.

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15 Hon. Lisa M. Leone, Presiding Judge
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