

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OKANOGAN

In re:

Administrative Order No. 2024-0001

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE  
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
CREATED BY INFORMATION BREACH  
AT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
COURTS

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts has been offline since November 4, 2024, and the courts necessary programs for the administration of justice and to hold hearings has been compromised or eliminated.

WHEREAS the date for restoration of the required services has not been determined, now  
Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. JURY TRIALS: All jury trials currently set for the month of November, 2024, shall be continued to the December 6-7, 2024 trial settings, at the earliest.
  - a. Unless an agreed scheduling order is filed subsequent to this Order, the readiness hearing and any interim status conferences in these matters shall be stricken and re-scheduled.
  - b. The Court finds and concludes in accordance with CrRLJ 3.3(g)(8) and CrRLJ 3.3(f)(2) that all continuances granted or ordered by the Court pursuant to this Order are (1) due to unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the court or the parties; (2) required in the administration of justice; (3) that good cause exists for such continuances; an (4) that criminal defendants will not be prejudiced in

1 the presentation of their defenses by any such continuances.

- 2 c. In all cases with trials continued pursuant to this Order, the allowable time for trial  
3 shall not expire earlier than 30 days after the new trial setting.  
4 d. All jurors previously called to serve during the jury service periods affected by this  
5 Order shall be rescheduled to a later service period.

6 **2. CRIMINAL HEARINGS:** All criminal hearings except in custody hearings for the weeks of  
7 November 4-8, 2024 and November 12-15, 2024, are stricken and speedy trial date is  
8 extended by the time between November 4, 2024 and defendants first appearance after the  
9 date of this order and shall be excluded.

- 10 a. The Court will accept agreed motions to continue without the defendant having to  
11 personally appear in court. These motions may be filed in advance of the hearing, or  
12 filed in court on the originally scheduled hearing date. The Court finds and concludes  
13 in accordance with CrRLJ 3.3(f) that all continuance granted or ordered by the Court  
14 pursuant to this Order are required in the administration of justice and further finds  
15 that good cause exists for such continuances and that criminal defendants will not be  
16 prejudiced in the presentation of their defenses by any such continuances.  
17 b. Speed trial waivers with a later commencement date resulting in a prolonged  
18 continuance will be accepted and are encouraged by the Court.  
19 c. All status conference calendars, plea/settlement calendars, out-of-custody  
20 arraignments and show cause hearings shall be stricken and rescheduled on the  
21 appropriate calendar during the week of November 18-22, 2024 and speedy trial shall  
22 be extended by the time between November 4, 2024 and the date of defendants first  
23 appearance after the date of this order and shall be excluded.

24 **3. INFRACTION HEARINGS:** All contested infraction hearings and mitigation hearings set  
25 for November 8, 2024 shall be stricken and rescheduled to December 20, 2024., subject to  
26 the following:

- 27 a. Defendants set for contested infraction hearing may request a decision on written  
28 statement in lieu of an in-person hearing pursuant to IRLJ3.5(a).  
29 b. Defendants set for mitigation hearings may, as before, submit a written mitigation  
30 statement prior to the hearing.

1 c. While this Order is in effect, the 120-day “speedy hearing” deadlines set in IRLJ  
2 2.6(a) and IRLJ 2.6(b) are hereby suspended.

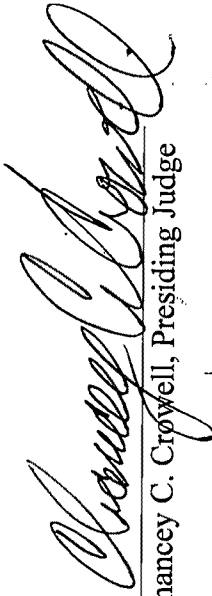
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4 4. PROTECTION ORDER HEARINGS: All protection order hearings shall be heard as  
5 previously scheduled.

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7 5. SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS: All small claims hearings currently scheduled shall be held  
8 as currently scheduled or further order of the Court.

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10 6. CIVIL MOTION HEARINGS: All civil hearings shall be heard as previously scheduled.

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12 7. DURATION: This order shall remain in effect through November 27, 2024, unless later  
13 rescinded, modified or extended by the Court.

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15 DATED this 5th day of November, 2024.

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Chancey C. Crowell, Presiding Judge