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DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF WAHKIAKUM

IN RE:

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO  
DISRUPTION IN AOC-PROVIDED  
SERVICES

GENERAL ORDER 2-24

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to unauthorized activity resulting in statewide unavailability of Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) systems including Judicial Information System, Judicial Access Browser System, Electronic Ticket Processing/SECTOR and the AOC website beginning November 4, 2024. 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 arraignments, and speedy infraction filings, hearings and disposition, if the unavailability of AOC networks and databases hinders the local court's ability to meet said deadlines or process filings submitted by litigants. There is currently no known timeframe for restoration of services from AOC. This court's operations are so hindered. While every effort is being made to timely complete work that can be done without accessing AOC-provided services, a backlog of work is growing.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

SUSPENDED COURT RULES

1. All court rules, policies and procedures regarding filing, scheduling, docketing, and transmitting information to AOC are extended by a period of time beginning November 4, 2024, and ending 14 days from the date that AOC judicial information systems are restored.
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 by a period of time beginning November 4, 2024,

1 and ending 14 days from the date that AOC judicial information systems and ETP/Sector  
2 are restored.

- 3 3. The court finds good cause to waive the right of speedy sentencing in cases involving a  
4 plea of guilty to a crime involving Domestic Violence, Driving Under the Influence,  
5 Physical Control of a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence and Driving While  
6 License Suspended in the First Degree due to inability of the court to verify defendant  
7 criminal history. Sentencing for these crimes, and for other crimes in which specific good  
8 cause is found, may be set outside of 14 days from entry of the plea.

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### 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 or criminal no contact order;
3. Granting and/or reviewing compliance of a Deferred Finding on an infraction;
4. Granting of a deferred prosecution (absent ability of a criminal justice agency to confirm defendant criminal history); and
5. Any other motion/petition that cannot statutorily be decided without 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 due to the AOC outage. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Out of custody 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 protection order hearings; and
8. Full protection order hearings.

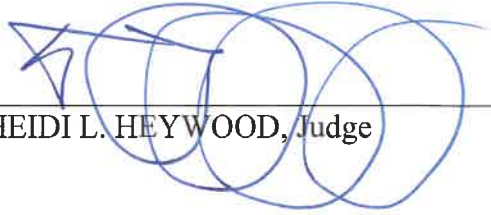
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1 This order replaces General Order 1-24 issued November 7, 2024, and will remain in full  
2 force and effect until further order of the court.

3 DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

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6 HEIDI L. HEYWOOD, Judge

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