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*State of Michigan, St. Joseph County  
45<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court  
St. Joseph County Probate Court  
3-B District Court*

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ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

45<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court 2015-03J, this rescinds 1990-01

3B District Court 2015-08J

**PLAN FOR JUDICIAL AVAILABILITY**

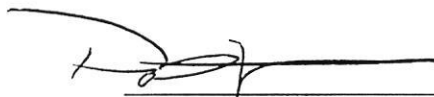
ON ORDER OF THE COURT, pursuant to MCR 6.104(G), the following plan for judicial availability is adopted for St. Joseph County Courts, 45<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, 3B District Court and 75<sup>th</sup> Probate, effective upon signing.

All felony cases in the Court's jurisdiction are handled through the 3B District Court for arraignments and bond.

- A. In the **3B District Court**, arraignments shall be conducted each day when the court is in session.
- B. On weekends and holidays, the court shall make a judicial officer available, for the purpose of setting bail for every person arrested for commission of a felony, condition upon:
  - (1) The judicial officer being presented a proper complaint and finding probable cause pursuant to MCR 6.102(A), and,
  - (2) The judicial officer having available information to set bail.
- C. For misdemeanor warrants an interim bond schedule, for release of offenders pending arraignment, will be supplied to local law enforcement.
  - (1) Individuals arrested with or without a warrant for a violation of section 81 or 81a of the Michigan Penal Code may have an interim bond set after the judicial officer has reviewed the information regarding bond and depending on the severity of the allegations.
  - (2) The judicial officer shall consider and may impose the condition that the person released shall not have, or attempt to have, contact of any kind with the victim.

D. On the next court business day, in accordance with MCR 6.104(G), for any accused unable to post bond, the St. Joseph County Sheriff Dept. shall make the accused available for in-court or video arraignment in the **3B District Court**.

July 28, 2015



Paul Stutesman  
Chief Judge

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