

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

In re:)
)
) Administrative Order No. 2024-0002
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. The Court finds good cause 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 and pursuant to Washington State Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-720 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; and (4) that criminal defendants will not be prejudiced in the presentation of their defenses by any such continuances.
2. All court rules, policies, procedures, and statutes regarding filing, scheduling, docketing, and transmitting information are suspended until the Administrator of Courts (AOC) judicial information systems are restored.
3. The Court finds good cause to suspend all court rules, policies, procedures, and statutes related to public records requests that require access to AOC systems until the Administrator of Courts (AOC) judicial information systems are restored.
4. This remainder of this order applies to all cases scheduled for the week of November 18 through November 22, 2024, inclusive.
5. READINESS/TRIAL STATUS HEARINGS: If a readiness hearing is scheduled for the week of November 18 through November 22, 2024, inclusive, that hearing shall be held on the date scheduled.

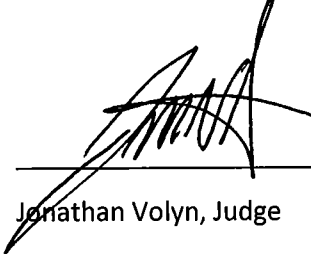
6. JURY TRIALS: All jury trials currently set for the 20th day of November, 2024, shall proceed as scheduled.
7. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS: All preliminary proceedings scheduled for the 9:00 AM or 9:30 AM hours shall be rescheduled with the exception of all domestic violence related offenses, driving under the influence of intoxicants or physical control offenses, and in-custody matters. All other matters shall be rescheduled.
8. CRIMINAL HEARINGS: All criminal hearings where a prosecutor is set to be present, except in-custody hearings and readiness hearings, set for the week of November 18-22, 2024, are stricken and speedy trial date is extended by the time between November 4, 2024 and defendants first appearance after the date of this order and shall be excluded. These hearings shall be rescheduled as noted below. The time of day for the hearing shall correspond with the time of day the hearing is currently scheduled. Example: if hearing is currently set for 11/19/2024 at 1:30 PM, it shall now be heard on 12/17/2024 at 1:30 PM.
 - a. If the hearing is currently scheduled for 11/18/2024, it shall be continued to 12/16/2024.
 - b. If the hearing is currently scheduled for 11/19/2024, it shall be continued to 12/17/2024.
 - c. If the hearing is currently scheduled for 11/21/2024, it shall be continued to 12/19/2024.
9. INFRACTION HEARINGS: All contested and mitigation infraction hearings set for the week of November 18 through November 22, 2024, shall be stricken and rescheduled. The court will send out notices with the new dates and times. The following also applies:
 - a. Defendants set for contested infraction hearing may request a decision on written statement in lieu of an in-person hearing pursuant to IRLJ3.5(a).
 - b. Defendants set for mitigation hearings may, as before, submit a written mitigation statement prior to the hearing.
 - c. While this Order is in effect, the 120-day "speedy hearing" deadlines set in IRLJ2.6(a) and IRLJ 2.6(b) are hereby suspended.
 - d. Requests for deferral may have to be continued until court functioning returns as the court may not be able to confirm Commercial Driver's License, infraction history, or history of a deferral.
10. PROTECTION ORDER HEARINGS: All protection order hearings shall be heard as previously scheduled.
11. SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS: All small claims hearings currently scheduled shall be held as currently scheduled or further order of the Court.
12. MOTION HEARINGS: All motion hearings shall be heard as previously scheduled.

13. CIVIL FILINGS: As the court does not have a current way to track these filings or payment of filing fees, civil filings, except requests for anti-harassment or any other order of restriction, shall be suspended until the court returns to normal functioning.
14. PAYMENTS. All payments shall not be processed until the State system is restored.
15. DURATION: This order shall remain in effect through November 24, 2024, unless rescinded, modified or extended by the Court.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2024.



Allen F. Blackmon, Presiding Judge



Jonathan Volyn, Judge