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2 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR KING COUNTY
3 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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5 IN RE:)
6 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON) Emergency Administrative Order No. 24-01
7 STATE 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
13 the Washington Courts network”;

14 WHEREAS Washington Courts, including King County District Court, are unable to access
15 any systems or databases hosted by AOC including but not limited to the Judicial Information
16 System (JIS) and the Abstract of Driving Record (ADR), and therefore have limited or no access
17 to Washington State case information, Washington State criminal history, Washington State
18 Department of Licensing (DOL) records, and Washington State Protection Order history;

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

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

23 WHEREAS, because emergency procedures that have been implemented are time
24 consuming and require additional resources, the Court must take steps to limit its operations
25 and modify its processes to ensure that the most time sensitive matters can proceed without
26 delay;

27 WHEREAS, the King County District Court has limited access to NCIC/III nationwide
28 criminal histories through probation or the prosecuting attorney;

29 WHEREAS, on November 8, 2024 the Washington State Supreme Court promulgated
30 Emergency Administrative Order No. 25700-B-720 allowing Washington Courts to expand or
31 extend time rules on criminal cases regarding filing, speedy trial, sentencing, and out of custody
32 arraignments, and speedy infraction filings, hearings, and disposition, if the unavailability of the
AOC networks and databases hinders the local court’s ability to meet said deadlines or process
filings submitted by litigants, and allowing courts to use other databases to get information not
available via JIS or DOL as required by statute;

1 WHEREAS, the following expansion and extensions of rules are necessary because of the
2 unavailability of the AOC networks and databases in order for King County District Court to
3 meet deadlines, process filings submitted by litigants, and effectively decide cases;

4 NOW THEREFORE, in order to continue the essential work of the King County District Court
5 during the AOC system disruption, King County District Court adopts the following rules and
6 procedures immediately and, on an emergency basis;

7 SUSPENDED COURT RULES

- 8 1. All court rules, policies, and procedures regarding filing, scheduling, docketing, and
9 transmitting information to AOC are extended by 14 days from the date of this order or
10 until the AOC judicial information systems are restored, whichever is later.
- 11 2. All time requirements of CrRLJ 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, CrRLJ 4.7, IRLJ 2.1, IRLJ 2.6 (both civil
12 infractions and vehicle related violations) and any other court rule, policy or procedure
13 governing 'time' is hereby extended for 14 days from the date of this order or until the
14 AOC judicial information systems are restored, whichever is later.

15 AFFECTED CASE TYPES

16 Because of the inability to access certain information systems, the Court is unable and
17 therefore will not act on the following types of motions/petitions for at least 14 days from the
18 date of this order or until the AOC judicial information systems are restored, whichever is later:

- 19 1. Name Change Hearings
- 20 2. Motion to Modify a Protection Order or criminal No Contact Order
- 21 3. Granting and/or reviewing compliance of a Deferred Finding on an Infraction
- 22 4. Granting of a Deferred Prosecution
- 23 5. Any other motion/petition that cannot statutorily be decided without a review of an
24 AOC system or database that cannot currently be accessed.

25 DISCRETION TO CONTINUE A MOTION HEARING

26 The Court relies on AOC informational systems when ruling on many matters, even
27 when it is not statutorily required to do so. The Court retains discretion to continue a motion
28 hearing for which the judicial officer lacks vital information based on the AOC outage. This
29 includes but is not limited to:

- 30 1. Arraignment hearings
- 31 2. Sentencing hearings
- 32 3. Sentence Compliance and/or other Review hearings
- 4. Infraction hearings
- 5. Deferred Prosecution petitions

- 1 6. Deferred Finding Infraction petitions/requests
- 2 7. Temporary Order Protection Order hearings
- 3 8. Full Order Protection Order hearings

4 Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that this Order will take effect on November 12, 2024, and will
5 remain in effect until further order of this court.

6 DATED November 11, 2024.

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13 Hon. Rebecca C. Robertson,
14 Chief Presiding Judge
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