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**CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

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| **IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER REGARDING TEMPORARY COURTROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND VIRTUAL HEARINGS** | **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 21-04** |

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**WHEREAS,** long term maintenance on Regional Justice Center elevators used to transport Clark County Detention Center inmates has been underway since November 2020 leaving elevator cars inoperable for extended periods; and

**WHEREAS,** during the period of inoperability, movement of inmates has required corrections officers to transport the inmates through the secure back hallway that accesses judicial chambers; and

**WHEREAS,** the movement of inmates through the back hallway places Las Vegas Justice Court judges and employees at risk when inmates become combative or resistant to corrections officers; and

**WHEREAS**, temporary changes to local procedures and courtroom assignments are necessary to minimize potential risk to the safety of Las Vegas Justice Court judges and staff; and

**WHEREAS,** Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 043 extended a moratorium on certain evictions until May 31, 2021;

**WHEREAS,** the backlog of eviction cases and expected surge of new eviction cases requires additional judicial resources and courtroom space to conduct eviction hearings where



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the proceeding can be recorded using sound recording equipment (JAVS) in compliance with NRS 4.390; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2021, the Las Vegas Justice Court acquired authorization to occupy courtrooms 1C, 6C, and 6D in the Regional Justice Center; however these courtrooms are not currently equipped with sound recording equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Las Vegas Justice Court criminal departments have appointed certified court reporters to take down the proceedings and are excepted from the statutory requirement of recording proceedings with sound recording equipment where a court reporter is present; and

**WHEREAS**, JCRLV 6.5 authorizes the Chief Judge to make "assignment or reassignment or courtrooms between departments to accommodate the needs of litigants, and efficient and effective case management" and to "make such orders as deemed advisable" relating to local court rules and procedure; therefore,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the following temporary procedures shall be implemented, effective May 24, 2021:

1. The following criminal departments currently using courtrooms on the south end of the RJC (A/B courtrooms) are hereby temporarily reassigned for all calendars to courtrooms on the north end of the RJC (C/D courtrooms) with inmate transportation available through Car 9:

a. Department 1 will be temporarily be assigned to courtroom 6C.
b. Department 7 will be temporarily be assigned to courtroom 8C.
c. Department 10 will be temporarily be assigned to courtroom 7D.
d. Department 13 will be temporarily be assigned to courtroom 1C.
e. Department 15 will be temporarily be assigned to courtroom 6D.

2. All remaining criminal departments assigned to courtrooms on the south end of the RJC (A/B courtrooms) must conduct all arraignment calendars with in-custody defendants with virtual court sessions through BlueJeans during the inoperability of Car 10. Inmates with cases set on the arraignment calendar will not be transported to the RJC. In-custody defendants on the preliminary hearing calendar whose cases have been resolved should be identified early and heard virtually with the arraignment calendar to avoid transport to the RJC. Otherwise, defendants scheduled for preliminary hearing calendars will be transported to the courtroom. The meeting IDs for affected departments are listed below:

a. Department 2 – BlueJeans Meeting ID 7026713353
b. Department 3 – BlueJeans Meeting ID 7026713361
c. Department 11 – BlueJeans Meeting ID 7026710836
d. Department 14 – BlueJeans Meeting ID 7026713625

3. All CCDC classrooms used for virtual appearances are situated with an adjacent private room equipped with an inmate telephone for attorney-client confidential communications. All courtrooms conducting virtual sessions for in-custody calendars are situated with an anteroom or co-located office space with a telephone for defense counsel to conduct attorney-client confidential communications. Phone numbers for the CCDC private rooms and RJC rooms are listed below:

| Department | CCDC Phone | RJC Phone |
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| **2 (Courtroom 8B)** | 671-8325 | 671-3380 |
| **3 (Courtroom 1B)** | 671-8329 | 671-3105 |
| **11 (Courtroom 7B)** | 671-8331 | 671-3340 |
| **14 (Courtroom 1A)** | 671-8321 | 671-0895 |

4. Out of custody calendars may, at the discretion of the judge, continue to be offered through BlueJeans in a virtual format. However, no calendar session may have more out-of-custody defendants or spectators present than the limitations set by the Clark County Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan and any amendment thereto.

***Traffic Division***

5. The Traffic customer-service lobby remains closed to the public until further notice. Pursuant to NRS 484A.615, Defendants may resolve their traffic citations online at www.lasvegasjusticecourt.us or by requesting a plea form from a customer-service representative via phone at (702) 671-3444, Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 AM through 5:30 PM, excluding holidays. Such plea forms may be returned to the court via email and will be processed upon receipt.

**Dated this** 20 **day of** May **, 2020.**

Melissa A. Saragosa

**Melissa A. Saragosa,**
**Chief Justice of the Peace**
**Las Vegas Justice Court**