

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**ORDER RE:**

**SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS IN  
BONNEVILLE COUNTY FROM  
MARCH 1, 2021 TO MARCH 12, 2021**

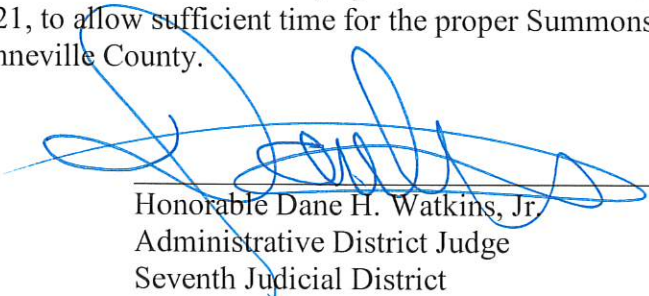
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2021-04**

On February 3, 2021, the Idaho Supreme Court issued an Order RE: Commencement of Jury Trials and Grand Jury Impanelment providing that Idaho Counties may resume jury trials and grand jury impanelment as of March 1, 2021, dependent on certain requirements set forth in that Order.

Bonneville County, Idaho has experienced a vacancy in its Jury Commissioner position due to Idaho Court Administrative Rule (ICAR) 27, paragraphs (a) and (h)(1) set forth the requirements for the attendance of a certified court reporter to report certain types of hearings in the district court. The new Bonneville County Jury Commissioner begins on February 8, 2021.

In order to allow the new Jury Commission sufficient time to properly Summons jurors for the resumption of jury trials, together with the additional need for processing of COVID questionnaires and qualifying a jury pool, the newly hired Jury Commissioner would not be able to accomplish this with the shortened time frame from February 8, 2021 to the March 1, 2021 start date for jury trials.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that jury trials in Bonneville County shall not commence until March 15, 2021, to allow sufficient time for the proper Summons and qualification of a jury pool for Bonneville County.

  
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Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Jr.  
Administrative District Judge  
Seventh Judicial District

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Cc:

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