

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

THE STATE OF IDAHO

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RE: ARRAIGNMENT ON INDICTMENT OR
INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. 20-03-23

Due to the threat of the COVID-19 virus, certain court proceedings must be conducted electronically. Because the court's video capabilities are limited, it is necessary to consolidate court dockets wherever possible.

Therefore, effective immediately, any magistrate judge in the Fourth Judicial District may act as a district judge for the purpose of complying with Idaho Criminal Rule 10. The magistrate judge may receive the filing of an Indictment or Information and should immediately arraign the defendant on the charging document as required by Idaho Criminal Rule 10. After arraigning the defendant, if acting in Ada County, the magistrate judge should set the matter for an entry of plea before the assigned district judge in three weeks' time. If a motion to reduce or revoke bond is filed, the motion may be heard by the district judge at the entry of plea hearing.

This administrative order does affect arraignments on probation violations under Idaho Criminal Rule 5.3.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 23rd day of March 2020.



Honorable Melissa Moody
Administrative District Judge
Fourth Judicial District

cc: All Fourth Judicial Judges
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