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## Ada County Officially Transitions to iCourt

(Boise, ID) – On Monday, August 8, Ada County became the second county in Idaho to successfully launch the new court case management system, iCourt. When the system went live, courtrooms were running smoothly and it was business as usual in the clerk's office.

"We are excited to bring this technology to Ada County," said Kevin Iwersen, Chief Information Officer for the Idaho Judicial Branch. "This project involved an immense effort from Ada County, the clerk's office, the prosecutor's office, the public defender's office, the sheriff's office and many others. A successful launch would have been impossible without their ongoing support and dedication to iCourt."

Citizens using court services should prepare for delays over the first few weeks and be patient as employees get used to navigating the new system.

"iCourt allows the Ada County Courthouse to be more integrated than ever before," said Phil McGrane, Ada County Chief Deputy Clerk. "Clerks no longer need to track down paper files; everything is available electronically from their computers. And as soon as information about a case is entered into the system, it is available for the public to see."

## Criminal e-filing now available for select groups:

With the launch of iCourt, the Ada County Prosecutor's Office, the Ada County Public Defender's Office and attorneys for the City of Boise are now filing all criminal cases electronically. Over the next two months, e-filing will be phased in for all case filings. Starting August 22, all attorneys may voluntarily e-file for criminal cases. E-Filing for civil cases is not available until September 6. By October 3, e-filing will be mandatory for all cases.

## New tool to look up case information:

With the transition to iCourt, if you want to look up the status of a trial court case or search criminal records of an individual within Ada County you will now need to visit <u>https://mycourts.idaho.gov</u>. All of the information the Supreme Court Data Repository for Ada County has transitioned to this new website. Court records from Twin Falls County, the other county on the iCourt system, are also on the new site, while information for all the other counties can still be found by using <u>https://idcourts.us/repository</u>. When iCourt has launched in all 44 counties, all court records will be located on the iCourt Portal.

If you have any questions about the iCourt project, please visit www.icourt.idaho.gov.