

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-2

SUBJECT: REMOTE DETENTION HEARINGS

*WHEREAS* the SAFE-T Act requires the in-person appearance by a defendant at a detention hearing unless the Court determines either that the physical health and safety of any person necessary to the proceedings would be endangered by appearing in court, or there are operational challenges in conducting the hearing in person;

*WHEREAS* the Chief Judge finds that the physical health and safety of correctional officer and inmates would be endangered by appearing in court and that there are operational challenges for in-person detention hearings, to varying degrees, in each of the Counties of the Sixth Judicial Circuit;

*WHEREAS* the Illinois Supreme Court has found statewide operational challenges, delaying enforcement of this portion of the statute, most recently March 18, 2024 (with an expiration of Sept. 18, 2024) – *See* M.R. 31888 (3/18/24):

*THEREFORE*: Until further notice, Defendants may appear remotely for hearings to deny pretrial release, at which conditions of pretrial release are determined, and at which pretrial release may be revoked, until such time that the Chief Judge, with the approval of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, determines that the operational challenges for in-person hearings on these issues are reduced sufficiently so that the physical health and safety of correctional officers and inmates would no longer be endangered.

Date: 3-18-24

ENTER: R B Rosenbaum

Presiding Judge Randall B Rosenbaum