

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

IN RE: AUTHORIZATION OF)	
AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM)	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
AT ANY PRETRIAL)	
DETENTION OR CONDITIONS)	ORDER NO. 24-1
OF PRE-TRIAL RELEASE)	
HEARINGS)	

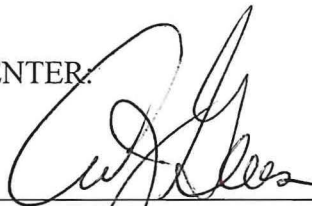
In addition to 725 ILCS 109-1(f) and Illinois Supreme Court Rule 45(d), this Court approves the operational challenges documented in Illinois Supreme Court Order MR 31888 entered on March 18, 2024. The use of a two-way audio-visual system at any hearing relating to pretrial detention or conditions of pretrial release is **AUTHORIZED**.

Operational challenges resulting from a severe shortage of St. Clair County Sheriff personnel both at the jail and at the courthouse impair the ability to bring detainees from the jail to the courthouse on a consistent, timely basis which comports with the statutory requirements of 725 ILCS 109-1 and in a manner guaranteeing the safety of the detainees and courtroom personnel. The operational challenges documented in Illinois Supreme Court Order 31888 are all being encountered by this Circuit as well, including the current limited resources of the circuit court, state's attorneys, public defenders, and other justice partners, as well as the anticipated volume of investigations and hearings on pretrial detention or conditions of pretrial release beginning September 18, 2023. Any pretrial detention or conditions of pre-trial release hearings may take place by two-way audio-visual systems at the discretion of the judge conducting any such proceeding.

The judge conducting any detention or conditions of pre-trial release hearing, pursuant to statute, may also determine that the physical health and safety of any person necessary to the proceedings would be endangered by the accused's appearance in court, and conduct the hearing by the use of a two-way audio-visual system.

DATED: March 27, 2024

ENTER:



Andrew J. Gleeson
Chief Circuit Judge