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Counties of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2024-07

EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION
OF TWO-WAY AUDIO-VISUAL
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO
CONDUCT PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS
IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Amended Order M.R. 31888 filed March 18, 2024, the counties of the Ninth Judicial Circuit (comprised of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren), due to continuing operational challenges, which include staffing shortages, transportation, logistical and security issues related to pretrial detention hearings and the process for setting pretrial release conditions, are hereby authorized to conduct pretrial detention hearings and hearings to set pretrial release conditions within their respective jurisdictions via two-way audio-visual communication systems.

Said pretrial detention and pretrial release conditions hearings shall be conducted in such a manner as to allow the defendant to communicate privately with defense counsel as needed. Additionally, the hearing shall be conducted in a manner to allow any victims of the criminal act alleged in the proceeding, family members of the defendant or victim or the public to have the opportunity to view such proceedings, either remotely or in person.

A record of all pretrial detention hearings or hearings regarding pretrial release shall be made as provided under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 46.

This order is effective upon entry and shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Raymond A. Cavanaugh
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cc: Judges
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