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THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOND AND MADISON COUNTIES

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MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Rule 15-A. SAFE-T ACT REMOTE APPEARANCES

By Order Number M.R. 31888 and in recognition of the operational challenges resulting from the implementation of in-person hearings required by Public Acts 101-652 and 102-1104, commonly known as the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity – Today Act, the Illinois Supreme Court granted circuit courts the ability to use two-way audio-visual communication systems to conduct hearings relating to pretrial detention and conditions of pretrial release where necessary. In accordance with M.R. 31888 this local court rule is being adopted to permit and regulate the use of two-way audio-visual communication systems for the purposes of conducting certain hearings in criminal proceedings relating to the pretrial detention and conditions of pretrial release in the Third Judicial Circuit.

All pretrial detention and conditions of pretrial release hearings that are conducted via a two-way audio-visual communication system will be conducted as follows:

(A) All hearings, whether in person or conducted via two-way audio-visual communication systems, are to fully comply with the applicable provisions of the SAFE-T Act.

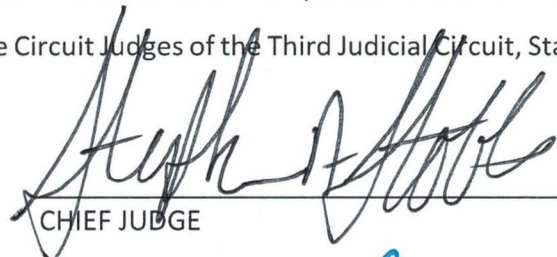
(B) A secure line shall be provided to allow defense counsel and the defendant the ability to confer and communicate. There will be absolutely no recording of these confidential conversations consistent with constitutional protections.

(C) All hearings will have the ability to be recorded for appeal purposes.

(D) An appearance via a two-way audio-visual communication system is equivalent to an in-person appearance and all participants are required to observe proper courtroom decorum.

This local court rule shall remain in effect until March 18, 2024, or for as long as the Illinois Supreme Court grants permission to the circuit courts to conduct two-way audio-visual hearings.

On this 11th day of September, 2023, the Circuit Judges of the Third Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois, unanimously approved this rule.


CHIEF JUDGE


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