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2 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
3 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON  
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5 In re: )  
6 COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE ) Administrative Order No. 24-01  
7 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED )  
8 BY INFORMATION BREACH AT )  
9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE )  
10 COURTS )

11 WHEREAS the Administrative Office of the Courts has been offline since November 4, 2024  
12 and the court’s necessary information technology for the administration of justice and its ability  
13 to hold fair hearings has been compromised or eliminated;  
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15 and WHEREAS the date for restoration of the required services has not been determined,  
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17 NOW THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ORDERED EFFECTIVE  
18 IMMEDIATELY:  
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- 20 1. JURY TRIALS: All jury trials and Friday afternoon Trial Readiness hearings currently  
21 set for the month of November are reset exactly 4 weeks from their current dates.  
22 a. The Court finds and concludes in accordance with CrRLJ 3.3(g)(8) and CrRLJ  
23 3.3(f)(2) that all continuances granted or ordered by this court pursuant to this order  
24 are (1) due to unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the  
25 court or the parties; (2) required for the administration of justice; (3) that good cause  
26 exists for such continuances; and (4) that criminal defendants will not be prejudiced  
27 in the presentation of their defenses by such continuances.  
28 b. In all cases with trials continued pursuant to this Order, the allowable time for trial  
29 shall not expire earlier than 30 days after the new trial setting.  
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- 1 2. OTHER CRIMINAL HEARINGS: All criminal hearings during the weeks of November  
2 6-8 and November 12-15, excluding Therapeutic Courts hearings and any hearing in  
3 which the defendant is in custody, are reset precisely 4 weeks from the date originally set.  
4 a. The Court will accept agreed motions to continue without the defendant having to  
5 personally appear in court. These motions may be filed in advance of the hearing or  
6 filed in court on the originally scheduled hearing date. The Court finds and concludes  
7 in accordance with CrRLJ 3.3(f) that all continuances granted ordered by the Court  
8 pursuant to this Order are required in the administration of justice and further finds  
9 that good cause exists for such continuances and that criminal defendants will not be  
10 prejudiced in the presentation of their defenses by any such continuances.  
11 b. Speedy trial waivers with later commencement date resulting in a prolonged  
12 continuance will be accepted and are encouraged by the Court.  
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- 14 3. PROSSER: All court hearings scheduled to be heard at the Benton County Courthouse in  
15 Prosser in the month of November are continued exactly four weeks from the date  
16 currently set.  
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- 18 4. OTHER DOCKETS: All civil dockets, including infraction dockets remain unaffected  
19 by this Order.  
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- 21 5. DURATION: This Order shall remain in effect until November 27, 2024 unless later  
22 rescinded, modified or extended by the Court.  
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Daniel F. Kathren, Presiding Judge  
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