

**AMENDED ORDER RELATED TO JUNE 21, 2021 TRANSITION**

This Amended Order follows the issuance of the Florida Supreme Courts ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. AOSC21-17 *IN RE: COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY OPERATIONAL MEASURES FOR FLORIDA APPELLATE AND TRIAL COURTS* which loosens the restrictions considerably as of June 21, 2021. To maintain judicial workflow to the maximum extent feasible, chief judges have been directed to take all necessary steps to support the remote conduct of other trial court proceeding with the use of technology.

Effective June 21, 2021 attorney appearances by Zoom will be permitted for the following proceedings:

- ❖ Felony Arraignment
- ❖ VOP Advisement
- ❖ Case Management Conference (CMC)
- ❖ Pre Trial Conferences (PTC)
- ❖ Early Resolution
- ❖ Hearings on miscellaneous matters (i.e. Motion to Early Term, Travel, Modify, etc...)
  - Motion to Modify No Contact Order – victim’s presence is required in the courtroom.
- ❖ Probate hearings (unless evidentiary)

If a plea is anticipated at CMC, PTC or ERC then counsel’s presence will be required in the courtroom, unless the plea will be a misdemeanor resolution. Judge Mason’s Zoom Personal ID (PM) will remain the same as previous. Parties are asked to retain said ID going forward and counsel shall contact Ms. Gibbs to obtain the PM ID if misplaced.

In person appearances (attorney and defendant) will be required for the following proceedings:

- ❖ Plea and Sentencing (including VOP pleas)
  - If the plea will be a misdemeanor resolution, counsel for the defendant may appear remotely.
- ❖ Evidentiary hearings
- ❖ Calendar Call
- ❖ Status on Trials
- ❖ Bond Hearings (in-custody defendants shall remotely appear via Polycom from the Charlotte County Jail)
- ❖ MHC (specialty court)
- ❖ Jury and Non-Jury Trials

All in-custody defendants shall appear remotely via Polycom video from the Charlotte County Jail. In-custody defendants will be transported to the justice center for evidentiary hearings, Jury Trials, Non-Jury Trials and Plea & Sentencing.

*If your client is set for Plea & Sentencing and you know the case will be a resolution, then you must contact Judge Mason's Judicial Assistant, Jess Gibbs no later than 11am prior to the day before so the individual can be added to the transport list. Failure to do so will result in your client no being transported.*

DONE AND ORDERED at Charlotte County, Florida on this JUN 7, 2021.



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