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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

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ORDER RE: PARTIAL AND TEMPORARY
SUSPENSION OF THE FELONY
CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
IDAHO'S FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
20-01

Pursuant to Idaho Rules for Civil Procedure (IRCP) Rule 1(c), The Fifth Judicial District has adopted by local rule, various Caseflow Management Plans to help ensure fair and timely resolution of cases with the district;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2, Assignment of Cases of the Felony Caseflow Management Plan provides, in part:

The purposes of a case assignment policy are: 1) to establish for the district the process by which cases will be assigned (individual case assignment or an alternative calendar system); 2) to identify cases in which continuity of judicial attention is important; 3) to designate the instances in which cases involving the same defendant will be assigned or consolidated for adjudication by the same judge; and 4) to put in place case assignment processes that ensure the public that the assignment of cases to judges within the Fifth District is not susceptible to control or manipulation by parties or attorneys.

The Fifth District employs the following case assignment process for criminal cases:

Cases involving the same criminal defendant are assigned or reassigned to a single magistrate and to a single district judge in the following manner:

1. Felony and probation violation charges arising out of the same incident:

The new felony will go to the judge with the older case. If the judge assigned to the older case is disqualified in the new case, then all cases go to a new judge.

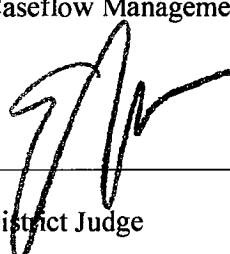
WHEREAS, current judicial resources in Twin Falls County have become strained due to insufficient court facilities and courtroom availability to keep pace with the increasing case filings;

WHEREAS, complying with the above entitled section of the Felony Caseflow Management Plan, has exacerbated the strain on the judicial resources of Twin Falls County by bringing in additional judges to preside over newer felony cases;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Section 2.2 of the Felony Caseflow Management Plan, as it pertains to Twin Falls County cases is hereby suspended, except as between the two judges chambered at the Twin Falls County Courthouse;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, should the lack of judicial resources, court facilities and courtroom availability be resolved at a later date, the Administrative District Judge of the Fifth Judicial District may reconsider the suspension of Section 2.2 of the Felony Caseflow Management Plan.

Dated this 5th day of March 2020.


Eric J. Wildman
Administrative District Judge

cc: District Judges of the Fifth Judicial District
Magistrate Judges of the Fifth Judicial District
Elected Clerks of the Fifth Judicial District