

# FORTY-NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

COUNTIES OF MECOSTA AND OSCEOLA



Honorable Scott Hill-Kennedy  
Chief Circuit Judge

Honorable Ronald C. Nichols  
Chief Circuit Judge Pro tem

MECOSTA COUNTY OFFICE  
400 ELM STREET  
BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49307  
Phone (231) 592-0780  
Fax (231) 592-0100

OSCEOLA COUNTY OFFICE  
301 W. Upton Street  
REED CITY, MICHIGAN 49677  
Phone (231) 832-6103  
Fax (231) 832-6149

## **Administrative Order 2008 -08**

Rescinds Administrative Order 2004-02

### **PLAN FOR REMOTE HEARINGS ON SUPPORT AND PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT ACT BENCH WARRANTS**

IT IS ORDERED:


This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Court Rule 3.221. The purpose of this order is to coordinate communication between circuits to facilitate the presentation of evidence by the friend of the court in a circuit that issued a bench warrant to a court in the circuit in which the arrested party is being held.

1. When an individual is arrested in another circuit pursuant to a bench warrant issued by this court, and the bond review hearing will be conducted by a hearing officer in the other circuit, the friend of the court in this circuit may present evidence by any of the following methods:
  - a. Telephonic communications.
  - b. Audio visual communications generated from this circuit that are compatible with "STANDARDS FOR USE OF INTERACTIVE VIDEO TECHNOLOGY IN CONDUCTING INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT, CHILD PROTECTIVE, AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY HEARINGS IN PILOT COURTS" issued by the state court administrator for hearings in juvenile proceedings.
  - c. Facsimile equipment.
  - d. E-mail may be used to transmit documentary evidence. Documents will be generated in Word.

- e. The MiCSES may be used to transmit information concerning the case.
2. When an individual is arrested in this circuit pursuant to a bench warrant issued by another circuit court and the bond review hearing will be held in this circuit, the judge or hearing officer in this circuit will receive evidence by any of the following methods:
  - a. Telephonic communications.
  - b. Audio visual communications if the transmitting equipment in the other circuit is compatible with "STANDARDS FOR USE OF INTERACTIVE VIDEO TECHNOLOGY IN CONDUCTING INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT, CHILD PROTECTIVE, AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY HEARINGS IN PILOT COURTS" issued by the state court administrator.
  - c. Facsimile equipment.
  - d. E-mail may be used to receive documentary evidence. Documents will be opened in Word.
  - e. Information generated locally from the MiCSES.
3. Pursuant to MRE 1101, the evidence provided pursuant to subsection 2 is admissible in bond proceedings.
4. An officer of the court acting in another circuit can make arrangements for hearings covered by this order by contacting Myra Betker, Enforcement Officer; Brenda Vanassche; or her successor at (231) 592-0115.
5. The friend of the court shall cooperate with officials of other circuits to implement this order.

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/08/08

  
Hon. Scott P. Hill-Kennedy P41542  
Chief Circuit Judge