

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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Administrative Order Number 2024-4-5

JUSTIN MAZE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

**Order allowing counties within the First Judicial Circuit to use
two-way audio-visual communication systems to conduct
pretrial detention hearings or set pretrial release conditions**

Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court M.R. 31888 (filed March 18, 2024), the counties of the First Judicial Circuit, due to continuing operational challenges (which include staffing shortages, transportation, logistical and security issues related to pretrial detention hearings and the process for setting pretrial release conditions), are hereby authorized to conduct pretrial detention hearings and hearings to set pretrial release conditions within their respective jurisdictions via two-way audio-visual communication systems.

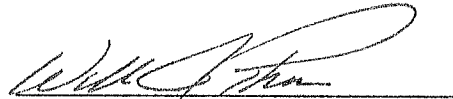
Said pretrial detention and pretrial release conditions hearings shall be conducted in such a manner as to allow the defendant to communicate privately with defense counsel as needed. Additionally, the hearing shall be conducted in a manner to allow any victims of the criminal act alleged in the proceeding, family members of the defendant or victim or the public to have the opportunity to view such proceedings, either remotely or in person.

A record of all pretrial detention hearings or hearings regarding pretrial release shall be made as provided under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 46.

This order is effective upon entry and shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

DATED this 5th day of April, 2024.

ENTER:



William J. Thurston
Chief Judge of the Circuit Court
First Judicial Circuit of Illinois