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DISTRICT COURT
48th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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2006-03J (DISTRICT COURT)
2006-02J (CIRCUIT COURT)
IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT ARRAIGNMENTS IN DISTRICT COURT

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCR 6.111, effective January 1, 2006. This order authorizes district court judges to conduct the circuit court arraignment of criminal cases cognizable in the circuit court.

1. Until further order of the court, if the defendant, the defense attorney, and the prosecutor consent on the record, the judges of 48th District Court may conduct the circuit court arraignment and take a plea of not guilty, guilty, nolo contendere, guilty but mentally ill, or not guilty by reason of insanity in criminal cases cognizable in the circuit court.

2. The circuit court arraignment may be conducted immediately after bindover if the prosecutor has given a copy of the information or amended information to the defendant prior to the arraignment.

3. Following a plea, the case shall be transferred to the circuit court where the circuit court judge shall preside over all further proceedings, including sentencing.

4. Arraignments conducted pursuant to MCR 6.111 shall be conducted in conformity with MCR 6.113.

5. Pleas taken pursuant to MCR 6.111 shall be taken in conformity with MCR 6.301, 6.302, 6.303, and 6.304, as applicable, and once taken shall be governed by MCR 6.310.

6. The 48th District and the 6th Circuit Courts will cooperate with the State Court Administrative Office in the assessment of this program.

Effective Date: 1-1-06

Date: 2/10/06 Chief Circuit Judge Signature: Hon. Wendy Potts

Date: 2/6/06 Chief District Judge Signature: Hon. Diane D'Agostini.