

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 606

Amending Order No. 589, Temporarily Suspending for the Fourth Judicial District Superior and District Courts in Fairbanks, Provisions of Criminal Rules 5, 10, 11 and District Court Criminal Rule 1 Relating to Television Arraignments to Allow Sentencings with the Defendant's Consent in Traffic and Misdemeanor Cases.

IT IS ORDERED:

The provisions of Rules 5, 10, and 11 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the provisions of Rule 1 of the District Court Rules of Criminal Procedure which are inconsistent with the intent of this Order are hereby suspended for the Fourth Judicial District Superior and District Courts in Fairbanks for a period of one (1) year from the date of actual commencement of televised arraignments. This suspension will allow magistrates and judges in those courts to do arraignments, pleas, and non-evidentiary bail reviews in traffic and misdemeanor cases, and initial appearance hearings, non-evidentiary bail reviews, not guilty plea/arraignments, and non-evidentiary omnibus hearings in felony cases, by way of television equipment not requiring the physical appearance of the defendant in the courtroom. With the defendant's consent, sentencings may be done in traffic and misdemeanor cases. Facsimile telecopy orders sent by the Fairbanks Court regarding these hearings shall be as acceptable as the originals for purposes of release or detention by correctional officers.

Statistics on the number of hearings completed using televised procedure shall be kept by the Fairbanks officers now in charge of prisoner transfer. A report on this project shall be prepared by the Administrative Director and presented to this Court at the end of the suspension period.

Nothing in this order diminishes any other previously existing right
of a criminal defendant.

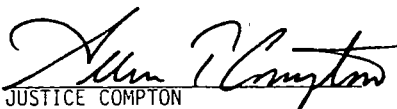
DATED: October 4, 1984

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 4, 1984


CHIEF JUSTICE RABINOWITZ

JUSTICE BURKE


JUSTICE MATTHEWS


JUSTICE COMPTON


JUSTICE MOORE