

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

In the Matter of:

Anchorage Superior Court Felony
Pre-Trial Order

Amended
FELONY PRETRIAL ORDER

PJ Order #1136

ANCHORAGE SUPERIOR COURT FELONY PRE-TRIAL ORDER

In a continuing effort to provide timely disposition of criminal cases in the Anchorage Superior Court, new pre-trial procedures will be implemented effective September 1, 2026. Accordingly, the court will utilize the attached pre-trial order for all new felony cases arraigned in Anchorage Superior Court on or after September 1, 2026.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 17th day of July, 2026.



Thomas A. Matthews
Presiding Judge
Third Judicial District

Distribution:

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District Attorney's Office
Public Defender Agency
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Denali Law Group
Alaska Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

¹ See attached Felony Judicial Assignment and Initial Scheduling Order.

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STATE OF ALASKA	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	
	)	Case No. _____
_____	)	
Defendant.	)	Arraignment Date: _____
_____	)	

FELONY JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENT AND INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

1. **Assignment.** This case is assigned to Judge _____ for all purposes, except bail hearings, which will be before the scheduled bail/arraignment judge.

2. **Criminal Rule 45.** As of arraignment date, _____ days have run. A party must file any objection within five days in writing or the objection will be waived.

3. **Initial Hearing Dates and Deadlines.**
 - A. **Discovery not provided by the deadlines below will be excluded at trial absent good cause:**
 - **120 days of superior court arraignment for all B & C felony offenses;**
 - **180 days of superior court arraignment for all Unclassified, A & sexual felony offenses;**
 - **However, defendant may use late provided discovery in trial.**
 - B. **Discovery Hearing to be held on:** _____
 - C. **Trial Scheduling Hearing to be held on:** _____
 - D. **Presumptive trial month:** _____
 - E. **Discovery or substantive motions shall be filed so that resolution does not delay the time to disposition standards (trial deadline) set forth in this order.**

Hearings will be held at:

2:00 p.m. Courtroom _____ (Judge _____)

2:30 p.m. Courtroom _____ (Judge _____)

3:00 p.m. Courtroom _____ (Judge _____)

4. **Pretrial Conferences.**

A party may request a compliance hearing to address allegations of the failure of a party to adhere to its obligations concerning discovery, disclosure requirements, or other matters.

5. Trial Scheduling.

- a. The presumptive trial month is the month in which trial will be held unless the court otherwise orders at the trial scheduling hearing.
- b. The parties are expected to discuss the selection of a trial month prior to the scheduling hearing in order to explore the availability of witnesses.
- c. The parties' selection of the trial month will constitute a tolling of Criminal Rule 45 from the date of the trial scheduling hearing until the last day of the month selected. Rule 45 will begin running again on the first day of the month after the selected trial month.
- d. If, at the trial scheduling hearing, the defendant does not want to toll Criminal Rule 45, then the judge will set a date for trial before the current expiration of Rule 45.
- e. Felony offenses not resolved or tried by the presumptive trial month shall not be extended beyond the following timelines:
 - Class B & C felony offenses shall be resolved within 12 months of superior court arraignment.
 - Unclassified, class A, and sexual offenses shall be resolved within 18 months of superior court arraignment.

Deviations from the above timeline will only be granted for good cause. Substitution of new counsel will result in no more than a 60-day continuance unless good cause is found for more time.

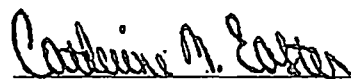
6. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):

Any attorney for a party, or a pro se party who uses Artificial Intelligence ("AI") in preparation of any complaint, answer, motion, brief, or other paper filed with the Court, must, in a clear and plain factual statement, disclose that AI has been used in any way in the filing, and CERTIFY that each and every citation to the law or record in the paper has been verified as accurate.

7. Bail Hearings.

Bail hearings must be requested and filed via the TrueFiling process (<https://akfile.truefiling.com/login>), with a completed *Application for First Bail Review Hearing* (form CR-301) or *Application for Second or Subsequent Bail Review Hearing* (form CR-302). Bail hearings will be set by District Court Calendaring to the next available date. Bail review is limited to the requests made on forms CR-301 and CR-302. If a defendant is unable to proceed at the scheduled bail hearing, the bail hearing will be continued to the next available date and time. Bail hearings will not be scheduled before the assigned judge unless expressly requested by the assigned judge through an order or from a court hearing.

Date



Catherine M. Easter
Deputy Presiding Judge
Superior Court – Criminal Dept

Date



Thomas A. Matthews
Presiding Judge
Third Judicial District

Distribution: Prosecuting Attorney; Defense Attorney (or Defendant, if self-represented); Assigned Judge