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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF PIERCE

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN WASHINGTON STATE Emergency Order: 20-11

EMERGENCY **ORDER #11**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER
REGARDING ADULT CRIMINAL
PROCEEDINGS

This matter comes before the Court again on the COVID-19 public health emergency in Washington State.

Pierce County Superior Court Emergency Order's 1 thru 10 as well as Supreme Court Order 25700-B-606 and 607 are incorporated by reference.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- A. In an effort to reduce the incidents of close contact between employees of Pierce County Superior Court, Pierce County Prosecutor's Office, the Department of Assigned Counsel, those engaged in either conflict or private defense of the accused, Pierce County Corrections staff, and members of the public, only following criminal matters will be the heard on a routine basis:
 - i. In-custody arraignments.

- ii. In-custody plea and sentence.
- iii. In-custody motions regarding conditions of release.
- iv. Competency proceedings.
- v. Other matters as designated by judicial officers.
- vi. Other matters identified by parties or Pierce County Corrections staff, by declaration and motion, as a necessary exception to this order and if agreed to by the parties and the court. Subsection vi applies to all criminal defendants regardless of their custody status.
- B. These orders are temporary procedures and are effective immediately. This order shall not extend past April 24, 2020, unless specifically addressed by the Pierce County Superior Court Presiding Judge.

DATED this 24th day of March 2020.

Hon. Philip K. Sorensen,
Acting Presiding Judge
Pierce County Superior Court

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