

IN THE TRIAL COURTS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of:)
) Presiding Judge
) Administrative Order No. 21-05
Unalakleet Office Hours)
_____)

ORDER REDUCING UNALAKLEET COURT OPERATING HOURS

On January 2018 the Alaska Supreme Court issued a Rural Court Staffing Order which specified that districts should restructure rural court staffing to adhere to staffing metrics set by the Administrative Director. That staffing metric reviewed 23 rural courts, and adjusted hours of the Unalakleet Trial Court from 36 hours per week to 30 hours per week. The Second Judicial District was given until July 1, 2021 to come into compliance with the new staffing metric.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT,

1. Effective July 1, 2021 the Unalakleet Trial Court hours are reduced to 30 hours per week. The new hours of operation for the Unalakleet Trial Court are: Open Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Closed on Friday.
2. In-custody defendants will continue to be arraigned within 24 hours of arrest, absent compelling circumstances warranting an extension to 48 hours as allowed by Alaska Criminal Rule 5(a)(1).
3. The Friday closure will be considered a weekend day for purposes of arraignments. The Nome Trial Court will handle emergency matters, including arraignments, search warrants, and civil protective orders for the Unalakleet Trial Court on Fridays.
4. Friday court closure days will be considered to be “judicial holidays” for purposes of Alaska Civil Rule 5.1(a)(3) and “legal holidays” for all time computation purposes, including for purposes of Alaska Civil Rule 6(a) and Alaska Criminal Rule 40(a).
5. Pleadings and other documents filed electronically (by email or fax) on Thursday after 4:30 p.m. and anytime on Friday will be considered to have been filed on the next day the court is open for regular business.

Dated at Kotzebue, Alaska this 12th day of July, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. A. Roetman".

PAUL A. ROETMAN
Presiding Judge

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