IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT KENAL

In the Matter of the:)	
KENAI District Court)	
Arraignments)	DEPUTY PRESIDING JUDGE
and Preliminary Hearings		ORDER 23-1
		(Effective February 1, 2024)

Effective February 1, 2024, in the interest of court efficiency, the following changes will be made for the Kenai District Court:

- 1. Minor Offense Arraignment time will change to 3:30 PM every Tuesday and Thursday, excluding holiday closures.
- 2. Preliminary Hearings will no longer be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but shall continue to be held on Monday and Wednesday at 4:00 PM, and on Friday at 11:00 AM, excluding holiday closures.

Please note that Out of Custody District Court Criminal Arraignments will continue to be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 PM, excluding holiday closures.

Recap:

- Out of custody District Court Criminal Arraignments are still scheduled the same way they have been, 1:30 PM Tuesday and Thursday, excluding holidays;
- Minor Offense Arraignment scheduling is changed to 3:30 PM Tuesday and Thursday, excluding holidays;
- Kenai Preliminary Hearings will no longer be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays, but will continue to be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as previously scheduled.

Frequently Asked Question:

Question: If a defendant is charged with both a District Court Criminal Offense and a Minor Offense at the same time, can they both be arraigned together at the same time? Answer: No. District Court Criminal Arraignments are at 1:30 PM and Minor Offense Arraignments are now at 3:30 PM., Tuesdays and Thursdays, excluding holidays.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024.

Lance E. Joanis

Deputy Presiding Judge - Kenai / Homer / Seward

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