

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

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

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 arrangements. 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. Facsimile teletype 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.

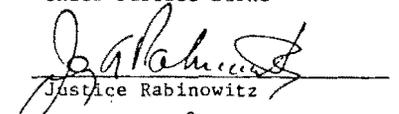
Statistics on the number of hearings completed using televised procedure shall be kept by the Fairbanks officers now in charge of prisoner transfer. A report on this project shall be prepared by the Administrative Director and presented to this Court at the end of the suspension period.

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

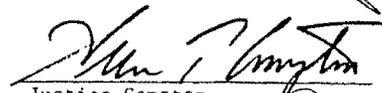
DATED: December 16, 1983

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1984


Chief Justice Burke


Justice Rabinowitz


Justice Matthews


Justice Compton

