

**IN THE TRIAL COURTS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**In the Matter of:**

**Criminal Rule 5 Extension**


**First Judicial District.**

**PRESIDING JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-33**

After having been suspended in August 2021, grand jury proceedings were authorized to resume in the First Judicial District on November 12, 2021 by Presiding Judge Administrative Order 21-29. Though the grand jury has been regularly convening, a significant backlog of cases exists. Supreme Court Order 1957(6)(j) authorizes the presiding judges to extend the time for preliminary examination under Alaska Criminal Rule 5(e). In order to allow the District Attorney's Office the time to address the backlog of cases caused by the suspension in an orderly fashion, an extension is now necessary.

The time by which preliminary examinations must be held under Criminal Rule 5(3)(4) is extended to **January 31, 2022**.

Dated at Juneau, Alaska on December 16, 2021.

  
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Amy Mead, Presiding Judge  
First Judicial District



**Distribution:** Chief Justice Daniel Winfree; Stacey Marz, Administrative Director; First District Judges; First District Magistrates; First District Clerks of Court; Lesa Robertson, Executive Administrator; James Kwon, ACA; Clayton Jones, Rural Court Training Assistant; SBA; JBA; KBA; Juneau District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Agency, and Office of Public Advocacy; Sitka District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Agency, and Office of Public Advocacy; Ketchikan District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Agency, and Office of Public Advocacy; CBJ Law Department and Public Defender; Court Rules Attorney; Office of Special Prosecutions.