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JAMES P. HUGHES
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REGION 2

TWO-WAY INTERACTIVE VIDEO PROCEEDINGS

IT IS ORDERED:

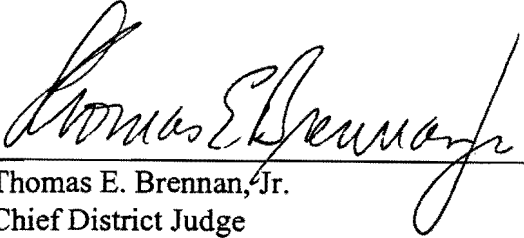
This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2000-3. The purpose of this order is to authorize two-way interactive video proceedings in this court.

1. Two-way interactive video (IV) and Facsimile (FAX) equipment shall be installed from arraignment rooms located at the Ingham County Jail to the courtroom(s) in the 55th District Court for initial criminal arraignments on the warrant, arraignments on the information, criminal pretrial, criminal pleas, criminal sentencing for misdemeanor offenses cognizable in the district court, show cause hearings, waivers and adjournments of extradition, referrals for forensic determination of competency, and waivers and adjournments of preliminary examinations.
2. The Ingham County Jail will provide an arraignment room containing a two-way interactive video receiver with a screen of not less than nineteen (19) inches, transmitter and FAX equipment to be used during the custodial arraignment. Where the arraignment room is not open to the public, the IV courtroom shall be accessible by and open to the public for public viewing.
3. To provide public access to all IV proceedings, a large screen monitor shall be located in the courtroom(s) of this court.
4. All documents necessary to conduct these proceedings, such as a custody order, waiver of preliminary examination, etc., may be faxed between the Ingham County Jail and the 55th District Court and shall become part of the court file. The original copy of the document shall be placed in the court file as soon as practicable.
5. The Judge/Magistrate has the sole discretion to terminate or suspend an

interactive video proceeding once initiated and to require that the defendant be brought physically before the court.

6. Statistics that will assist the State Court Administrative Office in the assessment of two-way interactive video proceedings will be provided upon request.

Date: DECEMBER 28, 2001


Thomas E. Brennan, Jr.
Chief District Judge