

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**

In Re:

**DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO DEFENSE
COUNSEL PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT
AT ARRAIGNMENT**

STANDING ORDER 2025-02

WHEREAS, the Court, Mendocino County Public Defender's Office and Mendocino County Sheriff's Office have entered into an agreement to use a room on the jail campus to conduct video arraignments of in-custody defendants; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will facilitate the opportunity for counsel to have confidential conversations with the defendant about the charges alleged in the complaint prior to the arraignment, thereby ensuring the defendant is afforded adequate representation; and

WHEREAS, prior to arraignment, counsel has not yet been appointed by the Court; and


WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Office requires a copy of the original complaint filed by the District Attorney's Office and the Pre-Sentence Assessment Report filed by the Probation Department prior to arraignment in order to provide representation to the defendant, if appointed.

IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk's Office shall scan and email such documents to the Public Defender's Office on the afternoon before the arraignment date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if complaints are filed by the District Attorney's Office after the 4:00 pm deadline on the day prior to arraignment, the Clerk's Office shall prioritize scanning and emailing these documents to the Public Defender the morning of the arraignment prior to the start of the calendar.

This standing order shall expire on December 31, 2025.

Dated: 1.7.25



Hon. Keith Faulder, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Mendocino County