Approved and adopted by Deputy Chief Judge 2nd Judicial District this 19th day of March, 2020.

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CLARIFICATION ORDER REGARDING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY MEASURES REGARDING PRELIMINARY HEARINGS FOR OUT-OF-CUSTODY DEFENDANTS

On March 17, 2020 the Racine County Circuit Court issued an Order for Temporary Measures to provide procedures and directions for proceedings and essential functions in the Court during the next several weeks. Pursuant to the terms of the Order, all preliminary hearings for out-of-custody defendants are to be adjourned until after April 12, 2020. As clarification and support of such adjournment, the Court finds that the global pandemic of COVID 19 and the consequential national, state and local declarations of emergency and the requirements of citizens thereunder, constitute just cause. Further, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in having a preliminary hearing given the need to protect the health and safety of the defendants, their counsel, prosecutors, court staff, and the public. Time limits shall be tolled accordingly.

This Order applies only to preliminary hearings for out-of-custody defendants. All preliminary hearings for in-custody defendants shall proceed as scheduled.