

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 04-30**

(Permanent Schedule Change in Courtroom C-10)

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 04-17 established a pilot project to begin on September 7, 2004 during which Courtroom C-10 began hearing lock-up cases at 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday; and

WHEREAS, as part of the pilot project, bench warrant returns must ultimately be handled by the judicial officers who issued the warrants, but during the pilot project some were certified to Courtroom C-10 for presentment and scheduling, where they added to an already heavy docket; and

WHEREAS, as part of an effort to facilitate the more effective handling of presentments and arraignments in Courtroom C-10, the C-10 committee recommended deferring bench warrant returns until they could be scheduled before the judicial officer who issued the warrant or a designee, particularly for those cases in which defendants were before the court with both new lock-up cases and outstanding bench warrants; and

WHEREAS, the pilot project has proved successful and a permanent order is now appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

ORDERED, that lock-up cases will be heard in Courtroom C-10 commencing at 1:00 pm Monday through Friday and 11:00 am on Saturdays beginning January 1, 2005; and it is further,

ORDERED, that citation cases will be heard in Courtroom C-10 commencing at 11:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 1, 2005; and it is further,

ORDERED, that except as provided below, defendants arrested on outstanding bench warrants shall be heard by the judicial officers who issued the warrants or their designees on the day they are notified of the arrest; and it is further,

ORDERED, that in bench warrant cases the warrant office will attempt to contact the issuing judicial officer until 2:00 pm each day, and where the judicial officer or a designee cannot be readily contacted, or cannot hear a bench warrant case due to courtroom unavailability, marshal unavailability or unavailability of the judicial officer or a designee, the warrant office shall certify the case to Courtroom

C-10 for purposes of addressing bond review issues and scheduling a date for the judicial officer who issued the warrant to hear the case; and it is further,

ORDERED, that in bench warrant cases where the warrant office contacts the judicial officer and the judicial officer makes arrangements to hear the warrant matter at a time certain, the defendant will remain available for Courtroom C-10 until the designated time for the warrant matter; and it is further,

ORDERED, that in cases where the bench warrant arrest occurs on a Saturday or holiday and the defendant arrives at the courthouse prior to cut-off, the defendant shall be interviewed by stand-in counsel, and the presiding judge in Courtroom C-10 shall hear the bench warrant matter for purposes of addressing any bond review issues and scheduling a date for the judicial officer who issued the warrant to hear the case; and it is further,

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

December 23, 2004

/s/

Rufus G. King, III
Chief Judge

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