

**PLAN FOR REMOTE HEARINGS ON SUPPORT AND PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT ACT
BENCH WARRANTS**

This Administrative Order is issued in accordance with Michigan Court Rule 3.221. The purpose of this order is to implement all provisions of the Court Rule, and to coordinate communication between circuits to facilitate the presentation of evidence by the friend of the court in a circuit that issued a bench warrant to a court in the circuit in which the arrested party is being held.

IT IS ORDERED: When an individual is arrested in this circuit pursuant to a bench warrant issued by this circuit, bond review and/or hearings on merit shall be conducted pursuant to Family Division Procedures;

1. When an individual is arrested in another circuit pursuant to a bench warrant issued by this court, and the bond review hearing will be conducted by a hearing officer in the other circuit, the friend of the court in this circuit may present evidence by any of the following methods:
 - a. Telephonic communications
 - b. Facsimile equipment
 - c. E-mail for transmission of documentary evidence in Microsoft Word format
 - d. The Michigan Child Support Enforcement System may be used to transmit case information.
2. When an individual is arrested in this circuit pursuant to a bench warrant issued by another circuit court and the bond review hearing will be held in this circuit, the judge or hearing officer in this circuit will receive evidence by any of the following methods:
 - a. Telephonic communications
 - b. Facsimile equipment
 - c. E-mail may be used to receive documentary evidence, which will be opened in MS Word format.
 - d. Information generated locally from the Michigan Child Support Enforcement System
3. Pursuant to MRE 1101, evidence provided pursuant to subsection 2 is admissible in bond proceedings.
4. An officer of the court acting in another circuit can make arrangements for hearings covered by this order by contacting the Friend of the Court Enforcement Services Manager or the Deputy Friend of the Court.
5. The Friend of the Court shall cooperate with officials of other circuits to implement this order.

ALLEN L. GARBRECHT

Dated: 1-13-05

Allen L. Garbrecht, P27036
Chief Circuit Court Judge

