

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT )

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-06

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

PRETRIAL SERVICES TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court has entered Supreme Court Rule 14 pertaining to text message notification programs and the rule provides in part:

**"Rule 14. Text Message Notification Programs."**

(a) Any court or clerk of court may implement a text message notification program(s). Any text message notification program developed within a judicial circuit shall be approved by the Chief Circuit Judge prior to implementation." (Supreme Court Rule 14); and

WHEREAS, the Pretrial Services Office of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit has developed a Text Message Notification Program that utilizes text messaging to send reminders of court dates to defendants ordered to pretrial supervision in the 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit who voluntarily opt into the Pretrial Services Text Message Notification Program; and

WHEREAS, the Pretrial Services Text Message Notification Program is designed to be a courtesy reminder of pending court dates and not a substitute for any notification required by Supreme Court Rule or statute to appear in court; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge having reviewed the Pretrial Services Text Message Notification Program finds the text messaging program implemented by Pretrial Services of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to be in compliance with Supreme Court Rule 14.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pretrial Services of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit may operate its Text Message Notification Program as a courtesy reminder of future court dates and said program is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure to participate in or receipt of a notification pursuant to a text messaging program under this Rule shall not be considered or used as evidence against the person in any court proceeding, including but not limited to, default proceedings, criminal proceedings, and contempt proceedings.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

ENTERED:

  
DIANE E. WINTER,  
Chief Judge