

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 23-18
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

Zina Cantarut Weintraub
CIRCUIT CLERK

PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Administrative Order 22-34 and 23-01 are vacated.

725 ILCS 5/110-6.4 states the Supreme Court may establish a statewide risk-assessment tool to be used in proceedings to assist the court in establishing conditions of pretrial release for a defendant by assessing the defendant's likelihood of appearing at future court proceedings or determining if the defendant poses a real and present threat to the physical safety of any person or persons. The Supreme Court shall consider establishing a risk-assessment tool that does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, educational level, socio-economic status, or neighborhood. If a risk-assessment tool is utilized within a circuit that does not require a personal interview to be completed, the Chief Judge of the circuit or the director of the pretrial services agency may exempt the requirement under Section 9 and subsection (a) of Section 7 of the Pretrial Services Act.

For the purpose of this Section, "risk-assessment tool" means an empirically validated, evidence-based screening instrument that demonstrates reduced instances of a defendant's failure to appear for further court proceedings or prevents future criminal activity.

Pretrial Services of the 19th Judicial Circuit utilizes the Public Safety Assessment (PSA), a regularly validated evidenced-based risk assessment tool that does not require a personal interview to be completed for all individuals held for their First Appearance.

THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that under Section 9 and subsection (a) of Section 7 of the Pretrial Services Act, and effective September 18, 2023, Pretrial Services of the 19th Judicial Circuit is exempted from the requirement of a personal interview of the defendant since the PSA does not require a personal interview to be completed.

DATED this 8th day of August, 2023.

ENTERED:


MARK L. LEVITT,
Chief Judge