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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24-04

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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the general administrative authority of the Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, Lake County, Illinois, provided by Article 6, Section 7(c) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b), and

WHEREAS, 725 ILCS 5/109-1 provides that when operational challenges are present which prohibit the in-person appearance of a defendant, and that these operational challenges are documented and approved by the chief judge of the circuit court, the chief judge of the circuit may order use of a two-way audio-video communication system, providing the chief judge of the circuit court also submits a plan to address these operational challenges to the Administrative Office of Illinois courts every six months.

THEREFORE, because the Lake County Sheriff has identified safety issues due to staffing shortages at the Lake County Jail, the Lake County Sheriff has entered an agreement with the McHenry County Sheriff for a select number of detained defendants facing charges in the 19th Judicial Circuit to be held in the McHenry County Jail starting January 8, 2024, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Lake County Sheriff shall ensure that detained defendants from McHenry County Jail are transported to the 19th Judicial Circuit for in-person court appearances in compliance with 725 ILCS 109-1, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if due to these operational challenges the Lake County Sheriff does not transport a detained defendant held in McHenry County Jail to the 19th Judicial Circuit for an in-person court appearance, Lake County detained defendants being held at the McHenry County Jail may appear via two-way audio-video communication system.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2024.

ENTERED:

Daniel B. Shanes
DANIEL B. SHANES,
Chief Judge