

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURT

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MS 20-32

**ORDER FOR CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS
BEGINNING ON JULY 8, 2020**

Due to the restrictions created by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Fourth Judicial District will reinstate the July, 2020 Jury Panel for criminal cases only. Jury trials will be limited to the following criminal cases:

- Wednesday, July 8, 2020: State v. Jones-Kellogg, CR 19-1999
- Wednesday, July 15, 2020: State v. Kuek, CR 19-2918
- Wednesday, July 22, 2020: State v. Loving, CR 16-2556

Jury summonses for the July jury panel will be mailed by May 26, 2020.

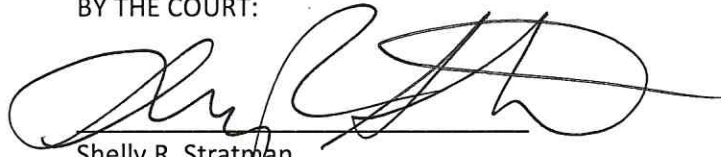
Douglas County District Courts have taken measures to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency upon our Courts and its participants. The Court finds that having additional trials during the month of July would be impossible due to the ongoing social distancing restrictions for the public. The April 30, 2020 Directed Health Order issued by the Nebraska Department of Public Health and Human Services orders "a minimum distance of six (6) feet between" all persons. The Douglas County Courthouse and Courtrooms do not have the space available to accommodate any additional jury trials while at the same time maintaining social distancing restrictions. The Court recognizes that the restrictions ordered by the Directed Health Order are not legally binding on the Court, but the Court, nonetheless, finds that adherence to these restrictions is in the best interest of the public for their health and safety.

Due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic, the Court finds that all other criminal cases scheduled for the July, 2020 jury panel are continued for good cause pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat § 29-1207(4)(f) to the next available trial date for the individual court.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated this 20th day of May, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



Shelly R. Stratman
Presiding Judge Fourth Judicial District Court