



**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN**

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021 – 06

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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SUBJECT: Criminal Division Assignment – Pre-Exam Docket (Expedited Plea Program) with the 36th District Court


This local administrative order reflects an agreement between the Third Circuit Court and the 36th District Court. A 36th District Court judge will be cross-assigned to serve as a Third Circuit Court judge for purposes of implementing this local administrative order.

After the arraignment on the warrant, the 36th District Court will determine eligibility for the Expedited Plea Program. A 36th District Court Judge will conduct the Pre-Exam hearing. In his or her capacity as a District Court Judge, the judge shall preside over the waiver of the preliminary examination and bind over the defendant to the Third Circuit Court. Pursuant to MCR 6.111, the District Court Judge, in his or her capacity as a Circuit Court Judge, shall conduct the Arraignment on the Information and accept the plea and impose sentence. If the defendant rejects the plea, the judge shall set the case for a preliminary examination or accept the waiver of preliminary examination and bind over the case to the Third Circuit Court.

The 36th District Court Judge will review and rule upon warrant requests for violation of probation in Expedited Plea Program cases. If a probation violation warrant is signed by the 36th

District Court Judge, the case will be reassigned to a Judge of the Third Circuit Court, who will conduct the arraignment on the probation violation warrant, violation hearing and resentencing, if applicable.

Dated: March 18, 2021



Honorable Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Date Approved by SCAO: March 23, 2021