



**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN**

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SUBJECT: JURY UTILIZATION POLICY

This Docket Directive is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110; and is meant to provide a policy in the utilization of scheduled Jurors in the Criminal and Juvenile Divisions.

1. This Policy applies to every judge who is on the trial docket in the Criminal Division and every judge in the Juvenile Division.
2. At the direction of the judge, either the courtroom clerk or the administrative assistant shall make a determination prior to 3:00 p.m. the day before a scheduled jury trial as to whether a jury trial scheduled for the next day will begin and take the following steps:
 - a. The courtroom clerk or the administrative assistant– either by phone or by email – shall contact the prosecutor and all defense counsel to determine whether the scheduled jury trial for the next day will actually begin.
 - b. After contacting counsel, and no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior for the jury trial, the courtroom clerk or the administrative assistant shall notify the Jury Services Department in the FMHJ by email (FMHJ-Jury@3rdcc.org), to confirm either
 - i. the jury trial will begin the following day or,
 - ii. the jury trial will not begin; and
 - iii. provide to the Jury Services Department the names of counsel contacted

3. If the Jury Services Department does not receive an email from a Criminal Division trial docket or a Juvenile Division courtroom by 3:00 p.m. the day before a scheduled jury trial, Jury Services Department shall cancel the jurors for that trial docket.
4. A jury shall not be ordered for any case that a trial docket of the Criminal Division will seek to spin off.

Dated: May 16, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Colombo, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert J. Colombo, Jr. Chief Judge
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