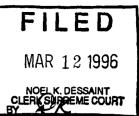
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF WAIVER IN PART OF RULE 17.4(a), RULES OF CRIMINAL) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER) No. 96- <u>12</u>
PROCEDURE, TO PERMIT AN EXPERIMENTAL)
PROCEDURE TO REDUCE CASE PROCESSING)
DELAY IN YAVAPAI COUNTY)
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In connection with case processing delay reduction efforts in the Superior Court in Yavapai County,

IT IS ORDERED that, with respect to Yavapai County, the Court waives Rule 17.4(a), Rules of Criminal Procedure, in order to permit judges of the Superior Court sitting in Yavapai County to participate in plea negotiations as provided by the attached Yavapai County Local Rule 18. The Local Rule promulgation for Yavapai County is hereby approved in the form attached. This order shall expire on June 30, 1998.

DATED this <u>12th</u> day of March, 1996.

FOR THE COURT:

STANLEY G. FELDMAN Chief Justice

SUPERIOR COURT LOCAL RULES

YAVAPAI COUNTY

RULE 18. CRIMINAL CASES: PARTICIPATION BY JUDGES IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

At the request of either party or sua sponte, the court may, in its sole discretion, participate in settlement negotiations by directing counsel having the authority to settle to participate in a good faith discussion with the court regarding a non-trial resolution which conforms to the interests of justice.

Effective March 15, 1996 through June 30. 1998.

DATED: March 12, 1996

Raymond N. Weaver, Jr. Presiding Judge