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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

In The Matter Of:	)	
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EXEMPTION OF RULE 17.1(a)(3),	)	Administrative Order
ARIZONA RULES OF CRIMINAL	)	No. 97 <u>13</u>
PROCEDURE, ON AN	)	(Extension of Administrative
EXPERIMENTAL BASIS	)	Order No. 96-31)
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Due to the expiration of Administrative Order 96-31 on February 27, 1997, Judge Gary Arend, Presiding Limited Jurisdiction Judge of Mohave County, has verbally requested an extension of the one-year experiment in Mohave County to allow ample time to complete preparation of the report outlining the results of the experiment.

IT IS ORDERED that the limited jurisdiction courts in Mohave County are granted an extension of the original exemption from Rule 17.1(a)(3), as well as Rules 14.2, 17.1(a)(1), 17.2(a)(2), 17.2, 17.3, and 26.9 (which are expressly superseded by Rule 17.1(a)(3) in the case of out-of-state defendants), Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, only as it applies to class 3 misdemeanor violations under Chapters 5 and 17 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. Such exemption will be for an extended period of approximately 180 days, effective February 27, 1997, through October 1, 1997. Further, that during this period of time, Rule VIII(b), Arizona Rules of Procedure in Traffic Cases, will be substituted for the purpose of accepting out-of-state pleas and fine payments for these violations, as was originally ordered in Administrative Order 96-31.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Presiding Judge Gary R. Pope cause to have prepared by the courts involved in this experiment a report to the Limited Jurisdiction Courts Committee (LJC) for its May 21, 1997, meeting. This report will outline the results of this experiment, along with any recommendations for local or statewide rule changes on a permanent basis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this report from the Mohave County limited jurisdiction courts, along with recommendations and comments from the LJC, be forwarded to the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC) for its June 1997 meeting.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1997, effective ~~nunc pro tunc~~ to February 27, 1997.

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THOMAS A. ZLAKET  
Chief Justice