THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 224

Amending Rule 4, Rules of Criminal Procedure.

IT IS ORDERED:

Rule 4(a)(3), Rules of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Failure of Defendant to Appear After Summons. If a defendant who has been duly summoned fails to appear or if there is reasonable cause to believe that he will fail to appear, a warrant of arrest shall issue; provided that in the case of a defendant charged with a misdemeanor traffic offense as defined in Rule 8, District Court Rules of Criminal Procedure, additional summons may issue in lieu of a warrant of arrest. If a defendant corporation fails to appear after having been duly summoned, a plea of not guilty shall be entered by the court if the court is empowered to try the offense for which the summons was issued and the court may proceed to trial and judgment without further process. If the court is not so empowered it shall proceed as though the defendant has appeared.

DATED: EFFECTIVE DATE:

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