THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 316

Amending Criminal Rule 31(f), by Deleting the Requirement of Stipulation of Counsel for a Sealed Verdict.

IT IS ORDERED:

Paragraph (f) of Rule 31, Rules of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read:

(f) Sealed Verdict. The court may permit the foreman of the jury to date, sign and seal in an envelope a verdict reached after the usual business hours. The jury may then separate, but all must be in the jury box to deliver the verdict when the court next convenes or as instructed by the court.

When the court authorizes a sealed verdict, it shall admonish the jurors not to make any disclosure concerning it nor speak with other persons concerning the case until the verdict has been returned and the jury discharged.

DATED: July 18 1978

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 1978

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