IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 660

Extending for 90 Days Authority Previously Established in Supreme Court Order No. 606, Temporarily Suspending for the Fourth Judicial District Superior and District Courts in Fairbanks, Provisions of Criminal Rules 5, 10, 11 and District Court Criminal Rule 1 Relating to Television Arraignments.

IT IS ORDERED:

The provisions of Rules 5, 10 and 11 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure and the provisions of Rule 1 of the District Court Rules of Criminal Procedure which are inconsistent with the intent of this order are hereby suspended for the Fourth Judicial District Superior and District Courts in Fairbanks for a period of 90 days from the effective date below. This suspension will allow magistrates and judges in those courts to do arraignments, pleas, and non-evidentiary bail reviews in traffic and misdemeanor cases, and initial appearance hearings, non-evidentiary bail reviews, not guilty plea/arraignments, and non-evidentiary omnibus hearings in felony cases, by way of television equipment not requiring the physical appearance of the defendant in the courtroom. With the defendant's consent, sentencings may be done in traffic and misdemeanor cases. Facsimile telecopy orders sent by the Fairbanks court regarding these hearings shall be acceptable as the originals for purposes of release or detention by correctional officers.

Nothing in this order diminishes any other previously existing right of a criminal defendant.

DATED: November 7, 1985

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 7,1985

Justice Burke

Justice Matthews

Justice Compton

Justice Moore