

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT AND THE 44 TH DISTRICT COURT	CIRCUIT COURT ARRAIGNMENTS IN DISTRICT COURT	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2006-04J CIRCUIT COURT 2006-07J DISTRICT COURT
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This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCR 6.111, effective January 1, 2006. This order authorizes district court judges to conduct the circuit court arraignment of criminal cases cognizable in the circuit court.

1. Until further order of the Courts, if the defendant, the defense attorney, and the prosecutor consent on the record, the judges of 44th District Court may conduct the Circuit Court arraignment and take a plea of not guilty, guilty, nolo contendere, guilty but mentally ill, or not guilty by reason of insanity in criminal cases cognizable in the Circuit Court.
2. The Circuit Court arraignment may be conducted immediately after bindover if the prosecutor has given a copy of the information or amended information to the defendant prior to the arraignment.
3. Following a plea, the case shall be transferred to the Sixth Circuit Court where the Circuit Court judge shall preside over all further proceedings, including sentencing.
4. Arraignments conducted pursuant to MCR 6.111 shall be conducted in conformity with MCR 6.113.
5. Pleas taken pursuant to MCR 6.111 shall be taken in conformity with MCR 6.301, 6.302, 6.303, and 6.304, as applicable, and once taken shall be governed by MCR 6.310.

The Sixth Circuit Court and the 44th District Court will cooperate with the State Court Administrative Office in the assessment of this program.

March 7, 2006
Date

Wendy Potts
HON. WENDY POTTS
Chief Judge, Sixth Circuit Court

Feb. 17, 2006
Date

Daniel Sawicki
HON. DANIEL SAWICKI
Chief Judge, 44th District Court