

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-03**

**RE: Temporary Transfer of Bristol and Warren Police Departments from Sixth Division District Court to Second Division District Court Effective May 1, 2024**

The ongoing construction on the Washington Bridge has created a significant hardship on all individuals traveling into Providence. As a result of that hardship, District Court criminal cases arising out of the Bristol and Warren police departments will be temporarily transferred to Second Division District Court in Newport.

The following cases will be transferred and scheduled in Newport District Court:

**Arraignments**

- All Arraignments for Misdemeanors will be heard in Newport District Court.
- All Arraignments for Felony cases will initially be heard in Newport District Court until such time as they are transferred to Providence Superior Court. Pre-Arraignment conferences will continue to be scheduled in Providence in the Garrahy Judicial Complex.

**Pretrials/Trials**

- All Pre-trials and Trials (Misdemeanor cases ONLY) will continue to be scheduled on Fridays.

## **State Calendar**

- All State Calendar Matters are scheduled on Tuesdays in Newport
  - 32F and 46G Violations
  - Bail Hearings
  - Motions to Expunge

## **Bail Commissioners**

**The East Bay rotation list will be modified to create a separate rotation for Bristol and Warren.**

- Bail Commissioners on the rotation list for Bristol and Warren Police Departments will submit all paperwork where bail money has been collected to the Second Division District Court. All other paperwork can be emailed to [2ndDistrictCourtHelpDesk@courts.ri.gov](mailto:2ndDistrictCourtHelpDesk@courts.ri.gov)
- This Order will be in effect until further notice.

**Entered as an Order of this Court on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.**

**Enter:**

**/s/ Jeanne E. LaFazia  
Chief Judge**

**Order:**

**/s/ Jamie Hainsworth  
Administrator**