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TO:

ALL LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM:

MATTHEW M. KUHSE, CITY PROSECUTOR

DATE:

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

RE:

ARRAIGNMENTS

The Presiding Judge of the Douglas County Court has decided that all criminal and traffic arraignments beginning March 27, 2020, through April 20, 2020, will be postponed and rescheduled.

People who received a citation with a court date in that range do not have to appear. Failure to show up on this initial date will <u>not</u> result in a warrant for their arrest. They will receive an order giving them a new court date. If someone does not appear on that new date, a warrant could be issued.

This decision will reduce foot traffic into the courthouse and allow people to remain at home to avoid contact with others.

In addition, the Prosecutor's Office will be mailing plea offers to some people in this date range. If people decide to take advantage of the offer, they will not have to come to court at all.

This does not mean the courthouse is closed or that the City Prosecutor's Office is closed. The courts remain open for business, as does this office.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me or the Douglas County Court Administrator.

Matthew M. Kuhse, City Prosecutor