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## JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP 7024 JAN -2

**CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 



IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER REGARDING CASE ASSIGNMENTS FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES COMMITTED

WITHIN THE RESORT CORRIDOR

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

23-04

WHEREAS, JCRLV 6.5(b)(14) empowers the Chief Judge to "[r]eassign cases or categories of cases between departments as necessary"; and,

WHEREAS, through a series of presentations and meetings involving the Court, the Clark County District Attorney, the Clark County Public Defender, and various community partners, the Las Vegas Justice Court has identified a history of criminal offenses occurring and involving offenders with multiple active and open cases within the Resort Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, after consideration of this issue, the Court voted to address this issue by way of the case management and case assignment powers of the Chief Judge of Las Vegas Justice Court; and,

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas Justice Court finds it advantageous to use the case assignment structure as set forth in Rule 2 of the Nevada Rules of Criminal Practice for District Courts as guidance to help develop a plan to handle this issue; and,

WHEREAS, N.R.Cr.P. 2(1) provides for cases to be randomly assigned unless "the action is brought against a defendant who is the subject of another pending or reopened action in the court, in which case the action shall be assigned to the department of the most recent other

action" or "assigned as ordered by the chief judge consistent with a plan of court-wide case management"; and,

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas Justice Court finds it advantageous to case management to have departments, entitled hereinafter as Resort Corridor Court, that are assigned a docket of all criminal cases where the alleged offense was committed within the Resort Corridor; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Resort Corridor is identified as Metro Area Command Sectors A1, A2, A3, A4, M1, M2, M3, and M4; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that cases in which a defendant is charged with a criminal offense that occurred within the Resort Corridor shall automatically be assigned to a Resort Corridor Court department, unless an exception is identified below in this order; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the defendant is charged with an offense that occurred within the Resort Corridor and said defendant has other active criminal cases in a Resort Corridor Court department, the new case may be assigned directly to the Resort Corridor department wherein a case against the defendant is already active.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that cases occurring in the Resort Corridor that have a criminal offense that constitutes Domestic Violence as defined by NRS 33.018 shall be assigned to the Court's Domestic Violence Departments in accordance with Administrative Order 15-04, and not to a Resort Corridor Court. Cases occurring in the Resort Corridor that have a charge of driving under the influence, or a vehicular crime resulting in death or substantial bodily harm, shall be assigned to the Court's DUI Department in accordance with Administrative Order 22-07, and not to a Resort Corridor Court; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that cases involving multiple offenses alleged to have occurred at multiple locations within the Las Vegas Township shall be assigned to a Resort Corridor Court only if the majority of the offenses at issue occurred within the Resort Corridor;

otherwise, such cases shall remain assigned to the original criminal track. Any dispute as to whether a multiple offense case occurring in multiple locations is to be assigned to a Resort Corridor Court or the original criminal track shall be decided by one of the judges assigned to handle a Resort Corridor Court; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that misdemeanor traffic offenses occurring in the Resort Corridor will not be assigned to the Resort Corridor Court and will instead be assigned to the original track.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that cases where the defendant was arrested in the Resort Corridor may be reassigned to the original criminal track if the offense(s) at issue did not occur within the Resort Corridor.

IT IS LASTLY ORDERED that offenses occurring in the Clark County Detention

Center are not within the Resort Corridor, and instead are deemed to occur within Metro Area

Command Sector D9 and shall be assigned to the original criminal track.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

Cynthia Cruz

Chief Justice of the Peace