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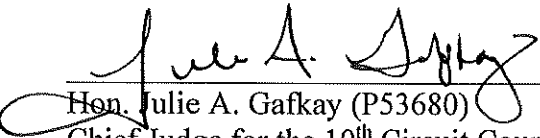
**SAGINAW COUNTY
JUDICIAL AVAILABILITY PLAN
AMENDED**

Pursuant to MCR 6.104(G), the Court adopts the following plan for judicial availability:

1. A judicial officer shall be available each day of the year to set bail for every person arrested for the commission of a felony.
2. The arraignment judge schedule and the duty judge schedule adopted from time to time shall be utilized for purposes of assignment of judicial officers under this Plan.
3. On days that the Court has regularly scheduled arraignments, the arraigning judge will be available for arraignments.
4. On days that the Court does not have regularly scheduled arraignments, the Duty Judge shall be available to set bail for every person arrested for commission of a felony.
5. The setting of bail shall be conditioned upon:
 - a. the judicial officer being presented a proper complaint and finding probable cause pursuant to MCR 6.102(A) , and
 - b. the judicial officer having available information to set bail.
6. On days that the Court does not have regularly scheduled arraignments, the prosecuting

attorney or the law enforcement agency requesting the issuance of a complaint and warrant against an in-custody defendant shall notify the Duty Judge that a complaint and warrant has been prepared and that authorization has been obtained from the Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office, and that issuance is being requested by the Court.

7. The Duty Judge shall be available on those days from 8 AM to 11 AM for issuance of warrants for defendants in custody for which the requirements of paragraphs four and five above have been met or because of an outstanding warrant.
8. The Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office, the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department and/or the arresting agency shall be responsible for providing information to the judicial officer sufficient for setting bail, including the factors set forth and MCR 6.106(F).
9. In the event bail is not set, or the accused is unable to post bail as set, the Court shall order the arresting agency to arrange prompt transportation of any accused to the 70th District Court for arraignment not later than the next regular business day.


Hon. Julie A. Gafkay (P53680)
Chief Judge for the 10th Circuit Court and 70th District Court

Dated: 8/19/2026


Hon. Elian E. H. Fichtner (P69258)
Chief Judge Pro Tempore of the 70th District Court

Dated: 8-14-2026