STATE OF MINNESOTA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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Ms. Amy Sweasy, Esq. Hennepin County Attorney's Office 300 South Sixth Street, C2000 Minneapolis, MN 55487 Mr. Thomas Plunkett, Esq. 101 East Fifth Street, Suite 1500 Saint Paul, MN 55101

VIA EFILE AND SERVE

RE: State of Minnesota v. Mohamed Mohamed Noor (27-CR-18-12641)

Dear Ms. Sweasy and Mr. Plunkett:

I am writing to address some administrative issues in advance of the jury trial scheduled to begin on April 1. Please respond with at your earliest convenience with your approval or objections.

First, the Hennepin County Commissioners Board Room (Hennepin County Government Center, A Tower, 24th Floor, A-2460) is available on April 1 for initial instructions to the jury panel and for juror questionnaires. The space is owned by Hennepin County and not the Fourth Judicial District. It is not part of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. It is a large courtroom-like room where arrangements could be made for public viewing. We invite you to view the space and respond with your approval or objection by the end of the day Tuesday, March 12, so that we may make the necessary arrangements.

Second, with respect to reserved courtroom seating for the parties, the Court believes that the seating allocation in place for the pretrial fairly balances the interests of the parties, the media, and the general public in attending the trial in this matter. The Court is amenable to reserving a limited number of seats in the overflow courtroom for the parties and the media, which should alleviate concerns with respect to queueing. We need to know how many seats you would like to reserve in the overflow courtroom (up to four per party) by the end of the day on March 12, as well.

Respectfully,

Paige Nelson, Esq.

Law Clerk, Fourth Judicial District