

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**In re Remote Public Defender Appointment**

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**WHEREAS**, the Fourth Judicial District Court has created and launched a remote Public Defender (PD) Eligibility application to be used for the determination of Hennepin County Public Defender eligibility; and

**WHEREAS**, this program allows litigants to apply for a PD before they make their court appearance; and

**WHEREAS**, PD appointment is a judicial function and is usually done at the initial appearance; and

**WHEREAS**, a PD cannot obtain discovery or other non-public information about a case until the office is appointed; and

**WHEREAS**, early PD appointment will reduce the total number of court appearances as well as the time litigants are present at their court appearances; and

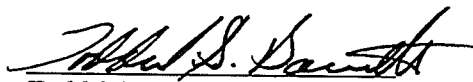
**WHEREAS**, by applying for a PD, the litigant is requesting an attorney be appointed;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**

The Hennepin County Public Defender's Office is immediately appointed to all litigants who apply remotely and are deemed eligible for the services of that office.

Limited contact information about which litigants are eligible and have been appointed a PD by virtue of this Order will be provided to the PD's Office by District Court Administration.

**BY THE COURT**



Toddrick Barnette

Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial District

Dated: December 4, 2020

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