

## **NOTICE**

### **PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA**

#### **RE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Video Room – Winnipeg Remand Centre**

I am pleased to advise that funding has been approved for a 3<sup>rd</sup> video room at the Winnipeg Remand Centre. This will allow the video technology in Courtroom 401 to switch between the Winnipeg Remand Centre and Headingley Correctional Centre. The end result is that dispositions, not only from Headingley, as is presently the case, but also from the Remand Centre will now be able to be heard in Courtroom 401. This should ease the load in our domestic violence bail court where dispositions are presently allowed and to use courtroom 401 more effectively.

Construction is scheduled to begin during the week of March 14, 2005 and is estimated to take approximately 4 weeks to complete. During this period of time, the 304 video bail room at the Winnipeg Remand Centre will not be available. You may notice that there will be a slight disruption with the following:

1. All bail hearings in courtroom 305 will continue to be heard by video in courtroom 305. We will be utilizing the multi-purpose room at Winnipeg Remand Centre for the accused to appear on camera. This will result in counsel not being able to interview clients in the multi-purpose room during court time.
2. All matters scheduled for courtroom 308 and transferred to 304 for hearing will require personal appearances by the accused. This will substantially increase the number of accused who require movement for both Winnipeg Remand Centre staff and Sheriff's Officers which may result in a slight delay for accused to appear in courtroom 304.
3. All domestic violence custody dispositions will be heard in courtroom 401 on Mondays and Thursdays only. This will allow the 304 bail court to hear only bail applications and will reduce the waiting time caused by in-person appearances.
4. Interviews with clients at the Sheriff's 3<sup>rd</sup> floor lock-up may not be able to be accommodated.
5. Prisoner movement will require a great deal of co-ordination. It may be difficult to accommodate seniority of counsel in any form during this period of time.
6. Personal appearances for accused on the Custody Co-Ordinator's docket must be arranged through the Crown's office by 2:00 the day prior to the court hearing. Any requests received from the Crown after this time may not be able to be accommodated.

As well, I request your indulgence during this time period for "brought forward" requests. A "brought forward" is when an accused is scheduled to attend court at a date in the future and either defence or crown counsel need the matter to be brought on to an earlier court date for a change of plea, change of trial date, etc. Save exceptional circumstances, unless the court receives at least two days notice, this request will not be able to be accommodated.

I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding while the construction is ongoing.

**ISSUED BY:**

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**  
**Chief Judge Raymond Wyant**  
**(Manitoba)**

**DATE: March 11, 2005**