

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

RE: Prisoner Transport, Imposition of a Penitentiary Sentence

The Directive of the Court dated, February 10, 2010, required in person appearances by persons potentially facing the imposition of a penitentiary sentence. The evolution of video technology and public acceptance of video appearances for court matters, including requests from accused persons to appear by video, have informed the modification of this directive.

The Court continues to recognize the value of "in-person" appearances but also recognizes video appearances often provide an equivalent experience and reduces the inconvenience of transport. Effective immediately, a person can appear by video for the imposition of a penitentiary sentence, if judicial permission is sought at least three days in advance. In seeking permission for a person to appear by video, counsel should indicate whether the accused person is consenting to the video appearance, the position of counsel opposite and any other reasons in support of the request.

ISSUED BY:



**The Honourable Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe
Provincial Court of Manitoba**

for:

DATE: June 22, 2022