

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA (WINNIPEG CENTRE)

RE: 2PM Trials Pilot Project

The Supreme Court of Canada in *R. v. Jordan* 2016 SCC 27 said: “all participants in the justice system must work in concert to achieve speedier trials.”

As one of a number of initiatives being considered by the Provincial Court of Manitoba to address delay in the criminal justice system, starting on February 28, 2017, the Provincial Court of Manitoba will be introducing a new pilot project. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, trials or preliminary inquiries, both in and out of custody, that are anticipated to take two hours or less can be set through the Disposition Coordinator, earlypcdispos@gov.mb.ca in the same manner that dispositions have been booked through the disposition coordinator in the past year. The available dates for this trial court will appear on the court's website. The trials will be booked into Courtroom 401 but only after approval has been received from the disposition coordinator. This trial slot will be available to be booked for prosecutions conducted by the Provincial Crown.

If the time slot is not filled with trials or preliminary inquiries one month in advance, the courtroom will be used for dispositions.

At the end of six months, the pilot project will be evaluated to see what, if any, effect it has had on reducing delays in Manitoba's provincial court and whether it is an effective allocation of existing resources.

ISSUED BY:



Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe
(Manitoba)

DATE: December 15, 2016