

**NEW POLICY REGARDING BAIL HEARINGS
(CONDUCTED AFTER BAIL HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY
SET) AND BAIL REVIEWS**

Regional Administrative Justice David Ricciardone, in conjunction with the Hampden County Clerk's Office, has mandated that all bail reviews and bail hearings that are brought forth after bail has been previously set shall be conducted via video conferencing at 11:00am in Courtroom 1.

If counsel has an objection to this procedure for a specific hearing, a motion must be filed with the First Session setting forth the extenuating circumstances.

If the hearing cannot be held at, or around 11:00 a.m., then the Clerk's Office will call the jail to determine the latest time a defendant can be transported in the event the bail is reduced and can be posted. If the defendant cannot be transported in time, that attorney will be notified that the hearing can be rescheduled or the bail can be posted at the jail, but that a fee will apply if bail is posted at the jail.

We can no longer accommodate same day bail reviews unless counsel can put forth specific reasons why it needs to be held on the same day, as it puts a strain on the First Session.

This policy has been put into effect because we are short sessions as well as staff, including Court Officers, which is compounded by vacations.

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