STATE OF ILLINOIS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2024-1 PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN MARION COUNTY

WHEREAS the Illinois Supreme Court has adopted a Policy on Portable Electronic Devices (PEDs); and

WHEREAS the Policy provides that if the Chief Judge of the Circuit determines that PEDs interfere with the administration of justice or cause a threat to safety or security, they may prohibit PEDs from being carried into specific courtrooms (for example, courtrooms hearing certain criminal cases) or an entire courthouse if the courthouse provides storage for the devices at no cost to the court visitor at the security entrance.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit has determined that PEDs interfere with the administration of justice and cause a threat to safety or security in the Marion County Courthouse.

2. Portable Electronic Devices are not permitted in the Marion County Courthouse during days when a jury trial is being conducted, except by leave of the Resident Circuit Judge or the Judge presiding over the jury trial.

3. The Chief Judge has previously approved Marion County's Policy on Portable Electronic Devices of March 11, 2022.

4. This Order is effective February 9, 2024.

Douglas L. Jarman, Chief Judge