

Setting of Continued Arraignment v. Pretrial Conference

This Court is of the position that speedy trial commences after the arraignment of the Defendant pursuant to C.M.R.P. Rule 248(b). Procedurally, if a Defendant is arraigned and a reasonable continuance is granted, this Court will set the next hearing for a Continued Arraignment so as not to implicate speedy trial.

Should an attorney file an entry of appearance, or other motion, that waives advisement and requests to set the matter for a pretrial conference, unless the Defendant also tenders a plea of not guilty, the matter will be set for a continued arraignment for the reasons previously stated.

Nothing in this Order prevents a Defendant or defense attorney from entering a plea of not guilty at any time and have speedy commence.

Effective date: April 10, 2024



Tiffany Sorice
Presiding Municipal Judge