

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF COURT TRANSPORTS FROM MIDDLE RIVER
 REGIONAL JAIL

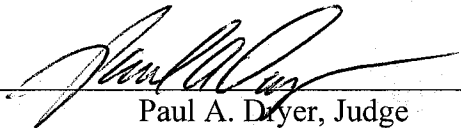
ORDER

Due to a significant increase in positive COVID-19 cases in the community, and in particular at the Middle River Regional Jail, in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the jail and in the Court, effective January 10, 2022, this Court hereby ORDERS the suspension of transportation of prisoners from Middle River Regional Jail to the Waynesboro Circuit Court.

All hearings will be handled by two-way video conferencing or can be rescheduled for in-person hearings by contacting, Jennifer Kyle at jkyle@vacourts.gov or by phone at 540-942-6619. In extenuating circumstances attorneys may schedule a hearing with the presiding judge to discuss a particular case which they believe requires personal appearance by their defendant.

This suspension of prisoner transportation will remain in effect pending further order of this Court.

ENTERED this 10TH day of January, 2022



Paul A. Dryer, Judge

**TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF VIRGINIA**



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LEXINGTON, STAUNTON AND WAYNESBORO

Memorandum

To: Waynesboro Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Members of the Bar
and *Pro Se* parties with cases pending in the Waynesboro Circuit Court
Waynesboro Circuit Court Clerk's Office
Waynesboro Sheriff's Department

From: Judge Paul A. Dryer *PD.*

Date: January 10, 2022

Re: Suspension of Court Transports from Middle River Regional Jail

By order of this Court effective January 10, 2022, this Court will begin the suspension of Court transports from Middle River Regional Jail effective January 10, 2022.

If the defendant is incarcerated at Middle River Regional Jail and the attorney requests the physical presence of the defendant for the hearing, it is the attorney's responsibility to notify chambers by emailing Jennifer Kyle at jkyle@vacourts.gov one week prior to the hearing date. If the defendant is incarcerated in a facility other than Middle River Regional Jail, it is the attorney's responsibility to notify Ms. Kyle two weeks prior and to provide the properly filed transportation order if they request the physical presence of the defendant for the hearing. The discretion to transport will be left up to the presiding Judge.

If the defendant is incarcerated in a facility other than Middle River Regional Jail and the attorney requests for their client to appear via video, it is the attorney's responsibility to notify my office by emailing Jennifer Kyle at jkyle@vacourts.gov one week prior to the hearing date so that arrangements can be made with the facility.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our jails, our Courts and staff and bailiffs, and the general public, counsel is strongly encouraged to continue to conduct hearings via video when at all possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this time.