

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
KOOTENAI COUNTY DRUG COURT AND
APPOINTING A PRESIDING JUDGE

WHEREAS the growing caseload in the First Judicial District respecting felony prosecutions for violation of the controlled substances act has inordinately burdened court resources and personnel, and

WHEREAS there are supportable arguments that diversion in certain cases from the traditional prosecutorial process, emphasizing treatment and rehabilitation, may better serve the needs of society, the individual defendants involved, and the orderly administration of justice, now, therefor,

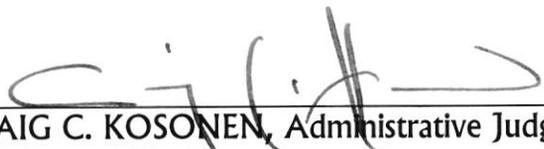
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective the date of this order, there shall be established within the District Court of the First Judicial District in Kootenai County, the Kootenai County Drug Court. Such Court shall exercise jurisdiction, management and

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disposition of all felony drug prosecutions brought within Kootenai County that may be selected for disposition by such Drug Court by the agreement of the Presiding Judge of said Drug Court (PJDC) upon the recommendations of the Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney and the Kootenai County Public Defender or other defense counsel, and with the consent of the defendant. Such cases shall be designated before the defendant's first appearance before a magistrate, and upon defendant's consent to Drug Court jurisdiction and written waiver of first appearance and preliminary hearing he/she shall be released O.R. or upon bond to appear before the PJDC. Proceedings thereafter shall be as established by the PJDC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Honorable James F. Judd, District Judge, is herewith appointed PJDC, and all Kootenai County felony drug cases referable to Drug Court jurisdiction shall be assigned to him. The Administrative Judge shall appoint alternative or additional presiding judges in the absence of Judge Judd as may be required.

ENTERED this 13th day of October, 1998.


CRAIG C. KOSONEN, Administrative Judge,
First Judicial District

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