



IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
CP-9.2

*Weekend and Statutory Holiday
Bail Court Video Appearances*

Individuals arrested and held in custody in Whitehorse, who will be appearing in bail court on Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays shall appear by means of video conference technology from Whitehorse Correctional Centre Arrest Processing Unit (“APU”). Individuals, who have been arrested and held in custody outside of Whitehorse, shall for their first appearance, continue to appear by phone from the community where they have been arrested.

Weekend bail court shall start at 10:00 a.m. Counsel shall arrive at court at least 30 minutes prior to the court start time.

Defence counsel may speak with clients prior to court starting by way of video in the interview room outside of courtroom 5. These video communications are secure and are strictly confidential. The presiding Justice of the Peace shall have a copy of the instructions for counsel to contact their clients at APU.

The individual in custody, or counsel on their behalf, may request that the individual appear at the courthouse in person. These requests must be communicated to the presiding justice who will direct that the individual be brought in person to the courthouse from APU, unless exceptional circumstances, as determined by the presiding justice, dictate otherwise. Whitehorse Correctional Centre staff are responsible for transportation of the individual from APU to the courthouse. A request for an in person appearance may cause delays due to transportation logistics.

If during the course of the appearance counsel needs to speak privately with their client, or the individual wishes to speak privately with their counsel, the matter may be stood down. Counsel may then contact the individual through the secure video conference technology in the interview room outside of courtroom 5.

Correctional centre staff are responsible for keeping separate any persons in custody who are subject to no contact orders.

Chief Judge P. Chisholm
July 4, 2019