

Sixth Judicial District has resumed jury trials

ST. PAUL, Minn. (August 24, 2020) - Criminal jury trials in the Sixth Judicial District resumed on Monday, August 24th, after having reopening plans approved by the Minnesota Judicial Council. Now, district courts in Carlton, Cook, and Lake counties, and all three court locations in St. Louis County, are able to schedule criminal jury trials.

The approval from the Judicial Council came after the Sixth Judicial District Steering Committee, chaired by Judge Sally Tarnowski, worked with justice and county partners to develop social distancing and trial management plans to ensure safe jury trials. District courts seeking approval to restart criminal jury trials must submit plans that adhere to the Minnesota Judicial Branch COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, the Recommendations for Re-Starting Jury Trials during COVID-19, and the locally-approved Jury Trial Pilot Checklist. The three documents address changes to facilities and protocols that must be followed to meet social distancing and safety needs, and were developed with the Minnesota Department of Health. Additional information about safely reopening court facilities can be found on the Minnesota Judicial Branch website.

“A foundation of the American justice system is the jury trial. Jury trials across the State of Minnesota have been postponed since mid-March as part of the battle to stop the spread of COVID-19. But now, the Sixth Judicial District, in collaboration with our county and justice partners, have worked diligently to safely restart jury trials,” said Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Michael Cuzzo. “Our goal is to fulfill our obligation to administer justice, while protecting the health of our community members who are exercising and performing their duties, responsibilities, and rights in our courthouses. The most basic characteristic of an American jury trial - fairness to all participants - will be the same as ever. We are thankful for our citizen jurors, who are an indispensable part of that process. Doing one's duty as a

juror is always a selfless act of community service and patriotism. That has never been truer than it is right now.”

County partners worked in collaboration with the District to adapt facilities and courtrooms to ensure the safety of jurors and community members, implementing such measures as modifying jury boxes, adding floor markings for social distancing, increasing sanitation and cleaning, and adding Plexiglas partitions where needed. In addition, technology is being used to allow public and media access to trials in a way that will not compromise the safety of courtroom participants. The court continues to hold regular court calendars on a remote basis through Zoom. For those members of the public who are unable to access their court hearings remotely, they may contact their attorney or the court for available resources and accommodations.

Jurors in the approved counties should respond to their jury summons as required. When additional counties are approved by the Judicial Council, updates will be made on the Jury Service webpage, mncourts.gov/jurors.

Each juror will be provided with a paper mask when he or she arrives at a courthouse each day. If they wish, jurors may supply their own face coverings. Additionally, Minnesota Department of Health social distancing guidelines will be followed in each courthouse, including when and where jurors assemble, participate in voir dire (the question and answer part of the jury selection process), listen to proceedings, deliberate, and move throughout the courthouse. Guidance will be available in each courthouse for how to follow social distancing in seating and elevator use. Where necessary, partitions and physical barriers have been set up in each courthouse to ensure that traffic flow and interactions are taking place safely.

Additional guidance will be posted on the Jury Service webpage, mncourts.gov/jurors, and distributed with paper summons.

September temperatures may take a step back

by CBS 3 meteorologist Dave Anderson

For decades, one of the sacred cows of the meteorological world was the world record high temperature set at 136 degrees in Al Aziziya, Libya. The record was set when the Italian fascists ran Libya so it had long been suspicious. In 2012, the World Meteorological Organization stripped that record after saying research indicated the Italians registered the reading by putting their thermometer too close to a tarred roof.

By default, the world record high temp then fell to Death Valley, California and a reading of 134 set in the 1910's. That in turn was recently overturned because research uncovered improper thermometer technique there, too.

So, a few weeks ago, we now think the real world record was set at 130 degrees in Death Valley. Some scientists think climate change had something to do with it. It sure seems counter-intuitive to think that the record high temp has fallen six degrees in eight years and that global warming is to blame. But, weather is full of oddities like that. I can tell you about a cold front in the 1990's that raised Duluth's Lakeside neighborhood 10 degrees. And a few weeks ago, a warm front created clouds and dropped the Minnesota Arrowhead by 20 degrees.

Death Valley gets hot from the same phenomenon that makes the North Shore warmer by the lake once in a while; compressional heating from down-sloping winds. That factor may not come into play much this month because this September, our average temperature may drop by a degree. Rainfall totals may drop by an inch. The long term trends for September may skew this way: the 1st to 4th may be rainy and cool, the 5th to 9th may be sunny and warm, the 10th to 16th could come up showery and cool, the 17th to 30th might be sunny, dry and mild. Despite that long mild stretch, the cool periods look to be cool enough to drag the whole month to cooler than normal status.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, August 17, 2020
Inmate Population: 1
• 0641 Deputy on water patrol in the Ely area.
• 1041 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2.
• 1052 Deputy responds, along with SBPD, to report of a theft in SB.
• 1339 Deputy makes traffic stop on Forest Hwy 11. Warn for speed.
• 1403 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2 near Toimi Rd.
• 1414 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
• 1438 Deputy serves papers at SB residence.
• 1540 Deputy makes traffic stop on Fall Lake Rd. Warn for speed.
• 1549 Deputy makes traffic stop on Fernberg Rd. Warn for speed.
• 1701 Deputy serves papers at LCJ.
• 1801 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2.
• 1812 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity.
• 1903 Deputy responds to report of hotrod on Shoreview Rd.
• 1937 Deputy responds to report of theft in Ely.
• 2331 Deputy checks on Finland business.

All ok.
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Inmate Population: 1
• 0614 Deputy assists other agency with report of a cow on Hwy 61. Unable to locate.
• 0655 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
• 0858 Deputy checks on Ely residence. All ok.
• 0908 Deputy makes traffic stop on Outer Dr. Warn for speed.
• 0934 Deputy makes traffic stop on Koski Rd near Toimi Rd. Warn for speed.
• 1431 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
• 1521 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
• 1530 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
• 1547 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
• 1634 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
• 2020 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity.
• 2024 Deputy and SBPD attempt pick up of party with warrant.
• 2128 Deputy out with party on Hwy 1.
• 2213 Deputy out with occupied vehicle on Hwy 2. All ok.

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Inmate Population: 2
• 1102 Deputy assists parties with civil issue.
• 1124 Deputy responds to report of goat running along Hwy 3. Goat returned home.
• 1357 Sheriff and Deputy respond to security alarm at KR residence. House is secure.
• 1429 Deputy attempts to locate vehicle on Hwy 2.
• 1618 Deputy responds to report of an unwanted person at Ely residence.
• 2045 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of threats at TH business.
• 2137 Deputy assists Ely PD with domestic.
Thursday, August 20, 2020
Inmate Population: 3
• 0812 Deputy responds, along with SBPD, to report of suspicious activity.
• 1013 Deputy responds to report of garbage dumping.
• 1027 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 1. Warn for speed.
• 1037 Deputy responds to report of vehicles speeding on Hwy 3.
• 1352 Deputy responds to report of a dog bite in Finland.

• 1416 Deputy responds to report of a vehicle theft in SB. Vehicle located.
• 1442 LCRS responds to report of a 2 vehicle accident on 7th Ave.
• 1624 Deputy responds to report of trespassing on Town Rd.
• 1934 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check in Isabella.
• 2020 Deputy and LCRS respond to medical on Cramer Rd.
• 2308 Deputy and LCRS responds to report of an aircraft crash in Ely.
Friday, August 21, 2020
Inmate Population: 3
• 0634 Deputy and LCRS responds to request for a welfare check on Hwy 61.
• 0747 Deputy responds to request for a check welfare in Finland. Party camping in the ditch.
• 0936 Deputy speaks to party regarding suspicious activity.
• 1026 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2 near Bailey Rd. Warn for speed.
• 1207 Deputy and LCRS responds to medical on Oak Creek Rd. One transported by ambulance to SLH.
• 1423 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
• 1835 Deputy makes

traffic stop on Williams Dr. Cited for driving without due care.
• 1937 Deputy assists SBPD with traffic stop.
• 2027 Deputy responds to report of a hazard on Park Hill Rd.
Saturday, August 22, 2020
Inmate Population: 4
• 0046 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity on Sullivan Lake Rd.
• 0654 Deputy and LCRS responds to medical on Larson Rd. One transported to LVMH by ambulance.
• 0936 Deputy and LCRS responds to vehicle roll over on Hwy 61. One transported to SLH by ambulance.
• 1203 Deputy speaks to parties regarding a property exchange.
• 1343 Deputy makes traffic stop on Gun Club Rd near Fors Rd. Cited for speed 70/55.
• 1750 Deputy makes traffic stop on Kawishiwi Trl near Heather St. Warn for speed.
• 1905 Deputy assisted parties with civil matter.
• 1939 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check in Ely. All ok.
• 2201 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Burlington Rd. Warn for speed and no proof of insurance.

• 2205 Deputy assisted Ely PD.
• 2225 Deputy speaks to resident regarding civil matter.
• 2241 Deputy responds to report of a loud party.
Sunday, August 23, 2020
Inmate Population: 4
• 0628 Deputy responds to report of theft in TH.
• 0948 Deputy makes traffic stop on Forest Hwy 11 near Beaver River Rd. Warn for speed.
• 1021 Deputy takes report of a burglary on Nester Grade.
• 1326 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of a 4 car crash on Hwy 61. No injuries reported.
• 1509 Deputy responds to unknown trouble in the BWCA.
• 1533 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
• 1545 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for failure to keep to the right and driving conduct.
• 1900 Deputy makes traffic stop on Main Street. Cited for careless driving.
• 1904 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to request for a welfare check in TH. All ok.
• 1955 LCRS responds to medical on Hwy 61. One transported by ambulance to LVMH.