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## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CONCERNING SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 JURY TRIALS

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-11**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, the State of Colorado, the United States of America and the entire world are currently experiencing a public health emergency related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In order to address the public health concerns in the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District related to the COVID-19 virus Administrative Order 2020-9 has been issued concerning procedures for conducting jury trials in a way that balances the health concerns for those involved in trials with the rights of criminal defendants and other litigants. Under the provisions of Administrative Order 2020-9 the number of jury trials that can be conducted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in any given week is strictly limited. It is the responsibility of the Chief Judge to determine which cases should have priority to proceed to jury trial and how many jury trials can be conducted. As Chief Judge I have concluded that only two jury trials can begin on September 2, 2020 given the limited number of prospective jurors who can be brought into the courthouse under the limitations imposed by the public health authorities. There are three cases set to begin on September 2, 2020. I have concluded that this case will need to be reset so that the other cases, 2019T2837 People v. Adam Johnson and 2018M209 People v. Leo Phillips can proceed.

Dated this 2nd day of September 2020.

Stephen E. Howard

Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District

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