

WSR 23-03-022
RULES OF COURT
STATE SUPREME COURT
[January 5, 2023]

IN THE MATTER OF THE) ORDER
SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO) NO. 25700-A-1483
CrRLJ 2.1—COMPLAINT—CITATION)
AND NOTICE)

The District and Municipal Court Judges' Association, having recommended the adoption of the suggested amendment to CrRLJ 2.1—Complaint—Citation and Notice, and the Court having considered the suggested amendment, and having determined that the suggested amendment will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

(a) That the suggested amendment as shown below is adopted.

(b) That pursuant to the emergency provisions of GR 9 (j)(1), the suggested amendment will be expeditiously published in the Washington Reports and will become effective upon publication.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of January, 2023.

Table with 2 columns of names: Johnson, J., Madsen, J., Owens, J., Stephens, J. and Gonzalez, C.J., Gordon McCloud, J., Yu, J., Montoya-Lewis, J., Whitener, J.

GENERAL RULE 9

RULE AMENDMENT COVER SHEET

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CRIMINAL RULE

FOR COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION 2.1 (CrRLJ 2.1)

1. Proponent Organization: District and Municipal Court Judges' Association

2. Spokesperson: Judge Kevin Ringus, Fife Municipal Court; kringus@cityoffife.org

3. Purpose of Proposed Rule Amendment: CrRLJ 2.1 (a) (3) (ii) refers to a "state process control number (PCN)," which is an outdated term. The correct reference is to a "fingerprint transaction control number (TCN)." The proposed amendment reflects this change.

4. Is Expedited Consideration Requested? Yes, because this is a technical amendment reflecting a term that is already in effect.

5. Is a Public Hearing Recommended? No, because the change is not of general public interest.

CrRLJ 2.1

COMPLAINT—CITATION AND NOTICE

(a) Complaint.

(1) Initiation. Except as otherwise provided in this rule, all criminal proceedings shall be initiated by a complaint.

(2) Nature. The complaint shall be a plain, concise and definite written statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged. It shall be signed by the prosecuting authority. Allegations

made in one count may be incorporated by reference in another count. It may be alleged that the means by which the defendant committed the offense are unknown or that he or she committed it by one or more specified means. The complaint shall state for each count the official or customary citation of the statute, rule, regulation or other provision of law which the defendant is alleged therein to have violated. Error in the citation or its omission shall not be ground for dismissal of the complaint or for reversal of a conviction if the error or omission did not mislead the defendant to his or her prejudice.

(3) *Contents*. The complaint shall contain or have attached to it the following information when filed with the court:

- (i) the name, address, date of birth, and sex of the defendant;
- (ii) all known personal identification numbers for the defendant, including the Washington driver's operating license (DOL) number, the state criminal identification (SID) number, the ~~state criminal process control number (PCN)~~ fingerprint transaction control number (TCN), the JUVIS control number, and the Washington Department of Corrections (DOC) number.

(b) - (c) [Unchanged.]