

PRACTICE NOTE – 2016-3

CALGARY REGIONAL COURTS

CONFIRMATION HEARINGS FOR UNREPRESENTED ACCUSED

EFFECTIVE: November 15, 2016

This Directive is applicable to all Calgary Regional Courts (Airdrie, Canmore, Cochrane, Didsbury, Okotoks, Strathmore, Siksika, Tsuu T'ina, Turner Valley, Drumheller, Hanna)

1. Practice Note 2014-1 (which dealt with Confirmation Hearings for Unrepresented accused in Okotoks) is hereby repealed.
2. Confirmation Hearings for Unrepresented Accused shall be scheduled for **all** trial matters for self-represented accused persons appearing in **all** Calgary Regional Courts.
3. Confirmation Hearings will be scheduled for a date approximately half-way between the trial setting date and the scheduled trial date (i.e., if a trial is scheduled for 8 months into the future, the Confirmation Hearing will be scheduled approximately 4 months into the future).
4. Confirmation Hearings will be heard on docket days at each regional location, with the exception of Siksika, where Confirmation Hearings will be scheduled for the first Thursday of the month.
5. The Crown will have an updated and current Early Case Resolution position available on the Confirmation Hearing Date. Duty Counsel will be available on the Confirmation Hearing date to assist the unrepresented accused with possible resolution of the matter, or with confirmation of the Trial date.
6. The Scheduling Notice issued by a Case Management Office (CMO) in a Calgary Regional Court location, will indicate both the Trial date and Confirmation Hearing date. When an individual receives their Scheduling Notice, it shall state that non-attendance on either the Confirmation Hearing or Trial date will result in a warrant issuing for their arrest.

Per: Asst. Chief Judge James J. Ogle
Calgary Criminal and Regional Courts
Date: November 15, 2016