

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 6 th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT AND THE 51 st DISTRICT COURT	DISTRICT COURT JUDGES ACCEPTING GUILTY PLEAS IN FELONY CASES	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2005-01J CIRCUIT COURT 2005-03J 51 st DISTRICT COURT
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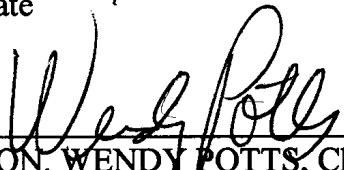
Pursuant to Administrative Order 1992-5, a pilot project is being established, which permits the 51st District Court to arraign a criminal defendant and accept guilty pleas in criminal cases cognizable in the Circuit Court. This program shall commence on November 21, 2005.

Upon approval by the State Court Administrative Office and upon an appropriate assignment of the judges of the 51st District Court and until further order of the Courts, the assigned judges of the 51st District Court may accept felony pleas in criminal cases according to the following requirements:

1. If, after bindover, the defendant, the defense attorney, and the prosecutor consent on the record, the District Court judge may accept the defendant's plea.
2. Prior to a guilty or no contest plea and pursuant to *People v Cobbs*, the defendant and the District Court judge will agree to a preliminary evaluation of the sentencing guidelines range.
3. The parties shall waive their rights to have the defendant sentenced by the District Court judge who accepted the plea and agree to have the case transferred to the Circuit Court judge assigned to the case.
4. Following the guilty or no contest plea, the case will be transferred to the Circuit Court for sentencing. The assigned judge in the 6th Circuit Court will decide any motion filed pursuant to MCR 6.310, to withdraw or vacate a plea after it has been accepted on the record and prior to sentence.

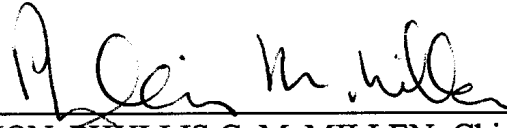
The 6th Circuit Court and the 51st District Court will cooperate with the State Court Administrative Office in the assessment of this program.

11/10/05

 Date


 HON. WENDY POTTS, Chief Judge
 6th Circuit Court

11-14-05

 Date


 HON. PHYLLIS C. McMILLEN, Chief Judge
 51st District Court