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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | November 15, 2024 | County | Pershing |
| Court | Lake Towhship Justice Court | Judge | Karen Stephens |
| Defense Attorney | Steven Cochran, Public Defender | Prosecutor(s) | Paul Yohey, Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 1 |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Hearing Types | Preliminary Hearing | | |
| **Attorney's Preparedness** | | | |
| Did the Attorney appear for court? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney have the file? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney appear to have had a substantive, confidential meeting with  each client before court? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney appear prepared to handle their clients' cases? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| **How prepared did the Attorney appear?**  Steven appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Steven appeared to be knowledgeable about his case. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Steven did a good job advocating for his client during the court hearing. | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  The attorney-client communication appeared to be good. | | | |
| **Case Stage-Specific Issues** | | | |
| Did the Attorney argue for pretrial release/OR, or for reasonable bail? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney counsel each client to refrain from waiving trial rights until the  attorney completed investigation of the case? | | | Yes / No / Unknown |
| Did the Attorney appear to have counseled clients to refrain from waiving any  rights at arraignment? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney appear to adequately advise clients of the consequences of  accepting a plea or going to trial, including any collateral consequences? | | | Yes / No / Unknown |
| Did the Attorney present mitigating evidence and provide argument at  sentencing? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney address the Presentence Investigation Report (PSI) and/or  Psychosexual Evaluation/Risk Assessment appropriately? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the court require defendant(s) to reimburse the entity for representation? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| **Overall Assessments** | | | |
| Does the Attorney appear to have a sustainable workload? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Overall, does the Attorney appear to be providing effective representation to  their clients? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| **Remarks/Recommendations/Notes (continue on reverse):**  Steven’s client had a preliminary hearing today. Prior to the start of the evidentiary hearing the State filed an Amended Criminal Complaint charging the client with Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, a category B felony. The client made an oral request to represent himself. The client explained to the court that he did not have any grievance with Steven but that he preferred to represent himself. The court canvassed the client about the dangers of self-representation and ultimately granted the client’s oral motion. The court discharged Steven as counsel and then appointed Steven as standby counsel. | | | |

Remarks/Recommendations/Notes, continued:

The client did not do a very good job at cross-examination of the State’s witness. Steven assisted the client when the client struggled to be able to ask questions over the prosecutor’s objections. The court found that the State had met its probable cause burden of proof and bound the case over to district court.