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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | March 24, 2025 | County | Elko |
| Court | Fourth Judicial District Court Dept 1 | Judge | Kriston Hill |
| Defense Attorney | Matt Pennell  Public Defender | Prosecutor(s) | Walter Fick  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 |
| Number of Clients  In Custody | 1 | Number of Clients  Out-of-Custody | 0 |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 1 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 0 |
| Hearing Types | Status 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 / Unknown |
| Did the Attorney appear prepared to handle their clients' cases? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| **How prepared did the Attorney appear?**  Matt appeared to be prepared for his case today. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Matt appeared to be knowledgeable about his case today. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Matt did a good job advocating for his client during the court hearing. | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  Unable to form an opinion regarding the attorney/client communication from today’s court hearing. | | | |
| **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 (continued from reverse side):**  Matt had one client on this afternoon’s court calendar:  Status hearing. The client is in custody but is not present for today’s status hearing. Matt explained that the client is awaiting transport to a mental health facility in Las Vegas (Stein) for a competency evaluation. The client has a bed date at that facility next week. The client has a bed date on 4/3/2025. The court continued the Status hearing  **Remarks/Recommendations/Notes Continued from Previous Page:**  pending the results of the competency evaluation. | | | |