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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | April 21, 2025 | County | Pershing |
| Court | Eleventh Judicial District Court | Judge | Jim Shirley |
| Defense Attorney | Kyle Swanson | Prosecutor(s) | Deputy Attorney General Rosenthal |
| 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 | 0 | Number of Clients Out-of-Custody | 1 |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 0 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 0 |
| Hearing Types | Review hearings | | |
| **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?**  Kyle appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Kyle appeared to be knowledgeable about his case. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Good. | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  The attorney-client communication appeared to be good except that the client failed to appear for court after speaking with Kyle in preparation for the hearing and the client had not contacted Kyle to explain why she would be absent from today’s 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 / N/A |
| 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 / N/A |
| 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:**  Kyle had 1 adult client on today’s court calendar:   1. First Client: Sentencing hearing. The client is out of custody and not present in court.   The deputy attorney general requested that a bench warrant be issued for the client. The deputy attorney general argued that in addition to failing to appear for court the client has failed to provide the information previously ordered by the court to the court, the Attorney General’s Office, or to her own attorney.  Kyle informed the court that he has been in communication with his client, that he expected her to be present, and that he did not know why she was not present today.  The court issued a bench warrant for the client’s arrest. The extradition was set at the 11 Western States. I did not hear a dollar amount for the warrant during the court hearing. | | | |