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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | April 22, 2025 | County | Lander |
| Court | Eleventh Judicial District Court | Judge | Jim Shirley |
| Defense Attorney | Kyle Swanson  Lander County Public Defender | Prosecutor(s) | Michael MacDonald  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 1 |
| Juvenile Clients 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 | 1 |
| Hearing Types | Review 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?**  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. | | | |
| **Case Stage-Specific Issues** | | | |
| Did the Attorney argue for pretrial release? | | | 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 the Petition Hearing? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney appear to adequately advise clients of the Consequences of  entering an admission to the petition allegation(s) and/or accepting a plea bargain and/or going to trial, including any collateral consequences? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney present mitigating evidence and provide argument at  the Disposition Hearing? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney address the Juvenile Probation Office Report and/or  Psychosexual Evaluation/Risk Assessment appropriately? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the court require juvenile(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 juvenile client on today’s court calendar:   1. First Client: Review hearing. The client was out of custody and present in person. The juvenile client’s mother and step-father were also present. The prosecutor reminded the court that the primary purpose for the review hearing was to address the juvenile client’s mental health evaluation that has been recently received. The prosecutor recommended that the court order the juvenile client to follow the treatment recommendations outlined in that evaluation report.   Kyle informed the court that the juvenile client’s parents are very disappointed with the evaluation. They believe that there are a lot of factual errors in the report. It is their opinion that the evaluator misconstrued much of the information provided to him by the juvenile and his mother. The parents do not have confidence in this evaluation or the evaluator. The parents want a second opinion from another evaluator.  The State did not object to the request for a second opinion. The prosecutor confirmed that the juvenile client has done well during this most recent time on the ankle bracelet monitor.  The court ordered that the Review hearing be continued to 6/30/2025 at 3:30 p.m. and that the juvenile receives a second mental health evaluation from a different evaluator. | | | |