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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | March 24, 2025 | County | Elko |
| Court | Fourth Judicial District Court Dept 2 | Judge | Al Kacin |
| Defense Attorney | Krishna Prasad | Prosecutor(s) | Amanda Zapata  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 | 0 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 0 |
| Hearing Types | Arraignment | | |
| **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?**  Krishna appeared to be prepared for his case today. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Krishna appeared to be knowledgeable about his case today. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Krishna 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 (continued from reverse side):**  Krishna had 1 client scheduled for court during this afternoon’s session:  **Remarks/Recommendations/Notes Continued from Previous Page:**  Arraignment. The client was in custody and present for the hearing. The Criminal Information needed to be amended to include the date of the offense (7/21/2024) as there was no date listed in the Information. (The error was caught by Judge Kacin). The client waived a formal reading of the Information. The client pled Guilty to Conspiracy to Violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (transportation of methamphetamine with another person), a category C felony.  Krishna explained the agreement: In exchange for the client’s guilty plea to this one count, the State will not oppose probation if client successfully completes a treatment program prior to sentencing. The State will not go forward on the original charges (Counts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6). Note: the Guilty Plea Agreement was corrected by interlineation regarding the charges to be dismissed pursuant to this agreement.  The prosecutor explained the elements of this offense and penalty range and that probation is possible but not mandatory.  The court explained that it will determine what the underlying sentence will be and whether or not to grant probation. If probation is granted, it can be for up to 24 months. The offer of proof contained in the Guilty Plea Agreement is used by the court to establish a factual basis for the offense. Following the court canvass, the court accepted the Guilty plea (freely, voluntarily, and knowingly made).  The Sentencing hearing is to be set by the Judicial Assistant.  The court ordered that a Presentence Investigation Report be prepared.  Additionally, the client failed to appear at an earlier hearing. The issue of the client’s contempt for the failure to appear will be addressed at the sentencing hearing.  The court ordered that the bail shall remain as previously set at $15,000 cash only. | | | |