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WHEREAS, the courts of the judicial district may at times impose a sentence of unsupervised probation; and

WHEREAS, the court may impose unsupervised probation in a case which implicates the Victim's Rights Amendment and statutes; and

WHEREAS, the court desires to provide accurate information to victims during the probationary term of the defendant.

Now, therefore, the court orders as follows:

 At the time of imposing a probationary sentence in a case implicating the Victim's Rights Amendment, the court will indicate whether the probation will be supervised or unsupervised. In view of the mandatory notice and other requirements of the VRA, supervised probation is generally preferred in VRA cases. If the probation is supervised, the court will indicate what agency is the initial supervising agency for the sentence to probation. If the sentence is to unsupervised probation, the District Attorney is responsible for continued victim contact, as required by law, under the VRA during the term of probation.

- 2. The District Attorney shall comply with VRA as required during the term of unsupervised probation, including providing the victim notification as required by VRA to those victims who opt in to receive such services, and answering questions from the victim concerning the defendant's compliance with the sentence imposed by the court.
- 3. The court shall to direct inquiries concerning the compliance with the court's sentence to the appropriate agency and shall comply with requirements placed on the court under the Victim's Rights Amendment when addressing post sentence motions and requests.

This order supersedes and replaces Administrative Order 2007-01 and any amendments to that order.

SO ORDERED this // day of _____, 2019.

Stephen E. Howard

Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District