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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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MICHAEL RHYMES,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN KEAST,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:17-cv-679-MMD-CLB

**ORDER TO TRANSPORT PLAINTIFF  
AND ORDER TO TEST NDOC  
INMATE FOR IN-PERSON COURT  
PROCEEDINGS**

The Court scheduled an in-person jury trial to commence on January 23, 2023, (ECF No.89) and to continue daily until the trial is completed.

IT IS ORDERED that the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) shall transport inmate Michael Rhymes, NDOC # 78115, to the Bruce R. Thompson Federal Courthouse, 400 S. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada, to personally attend the jury trial scheduled for the week of January 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM in Reno Courtroom 5 before the Honorable Miranda M. Du, Chief U.S. District Judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Nevada Attorney General’s Office, in coordination with the NDOC, shall arrange for Plaintiff to be tested for COVID-19 within 14 days of the hearing and with Plaintiff’s consent. Additionally, where practicable and depending on space availability, the NDOC should ensure Plaintiff is placed in quarantine following the test’s administration and prior to the hearing to protect against further exposure before transport to court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERD that, if Plaintiff does not consent to testing, or upon a positive test result, the Nevada Attorney General’s Office shall immediately notify the presiding judge’s courtroom administrator that Plaintiff cannot be transported to court for the hearing. The presiding judge will decide to either delay the hearing or hold the hearing by video.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that The Clerk of Court shall provide a courtesy copy of this order to the U.S. Marshal's Office in Reno.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 4th day of January, 2023.



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Honorable Miranda M. Du  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE