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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ANETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Aneth Judicial District is temporarily closed to the public until further notice. Essential services for Aneth Judicial District will temporarily be handled by Shiprock Judicial District.

Services available include:

- Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Adult Protection Orders (Petitions and enforcement);
- Children's cases involving detained juveniles and abused or neglected children;
- Habeas Corpus and other complaints for injunctive relief;
- Criminal proceedings concerning incarcerated defendants (arraignment and bail) and Bench Warrant Hearings on outstanding bench warrants;
- Processing of payments for civil and criminal fees and fines;
- Other matters involving public health and safety during the State of Emergency.

The Aneth Court is still accepting all new filings during its closure. Documents may be filed with the Court by email or mail. No in-person filing, filing by fax and/or filing by drop box will not be available until further notice.

To file by email, email documents as PDF files to: nsrcourt@navajo-nsn.gov. After doing so, call the Shiprock District Court at (505) 368-1270 to verify your email address and confirm receipt of your document. Emails may be lost in the Navajo Nation's spam filters if not verified. Documents filed with the Court by email outside Court hours will be received the next Court day during normal Court hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Please make sure all documents are signed.

To file by mail, mail document to: Aneth District Court, P.O. Box 320, Montezuma Creek, UT 84534.

For protection orders, there is a downloadable Petition for Domestic Abuse Protection Order with Motion for Ex-Parte Temporary Protection Order available on the Navajo Nation Court website at: <http://www.navajocourts.org/>. If an emergency protection order is needed on a weekend or holiday, please contact the local police department for assistance.

After filing a Petition for a Protection Order, call the Shiprock District Court to confirm receipt of your Petition.

For scheduled court hearings, call the Shiprock District Court before the scheduled hearing to confirm that it is taking place and for instructions on how to appear by telephone. Individuals who have legal counsel should communicate with them before calling the Court.

To pay any fine or fee, mail a money order payable to the “Navajo Nation” to: Aneth District Court, P.O. Box 320, Montezuma Creek, UT 84534. Include citation/court document and contact information. All fines or fees mailed will be processed as received on the postmarked date.

For any questions or more information, please contact the Shiprock District Court at (505) 368-1270. Further updates will be posted to the www.navajocourts.org website.

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