

RULES OF THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, 2004

Practice Note – Direction P.N. (PC) No. 2017-01

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The following Practice Note was filed with the Director of Court Services and is published consistent with Rule 7.01 of the Rules of the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador in Criminal Proceedings.

INTRODUCING EVIDENCE CONTAINING HIGH POTENCY NARCOTICS

I Purpose

High potency narcotics (HPN) such as fentanyl and carfentanil pose significant safety issues. This Practice Note sets out the procedure for introducing evidence/exhibits that contain or may contain HPN.

II Application

This practice direction applies to all Provincial Court locations within the Province as well as Circuit Court locations.

III Directions

1. In the event that HPN Exhibits are required to be introduced in a proceeding, the party shall endeavor to do so by admission, statement of fact, photographs and certificate of analysis.
2. No HPN Exhibits shall be introduced without obtaining leave of the Court. Leave shall be obtained prior to the HPN Exhibits being brought to the court location.
3. In the event that the presiding judge grants leave and admits HPN Exhibits into evidence, the Court Officer will notify the Court Manager. Those HPN Exhibits shall be brought to the courthouse in a manner that ensures the safety of all court participants. The exhibit must be double bagged, sealed and clearly labelled in accordance with policies established by the Court Services Division, which may be

amended as necessary¹, to ensure the safety of all court participants.

IV Duration

This practice direction is in effect commencing November 6, 2017 and remains in effect until further direction from the Chief Judge.

Authorized by:



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¹ Please contact the Court Services Division to confirm or to clarify current applicable policies.