



**Criminal Rule 6(f)**

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Dear Committee:

Although adding the ability to take grand jury returns by video teleconference is an improvement to this Rule 6(f), I urge you to consider a more substantive change in order to preserve the judge's time and safety, namely eliminating the need to return grand jury indictments in open court. Granted, the return only takes a few minutes, but it is an interruption that takes time away from other duties not only for the judge, but also the courtroom deputy, court reporter and Assistant United States Attorney.

In state court here in Oregon, the grand jury simply files the indictments with the clerk's office. We should be able to do the same in federal court. Therefore, I request that Rule 6(f) be amended to allow the grand jury to bypass the court and return the indictments directly to the Clerk's Office.



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