



# Media Advisory

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## Text Reminders for Court Dates in Criminal and Minor Offense Cases Available in Ketchikan

**Anchorage, Alaska, October 9, 2018:** In June of 2018, the Alaska Court System began a pilot program in Ketchikan that allows individuals with criminal and minor offense cases such as traffic tickets to receive free court date text reminders.

Anyone can sign up to receive free text reminders from CourtBot, an automated program that sends text message reminders using the court system's calendaring information. The program was first developed by Code for America and modified to fit Alaska's needs by Code for Anchorage. Individuals who want to be notified by text about upcoming court hearings for criminal or minor offense cases can text their case or ticket number to 907-312-2700. CourtBot is set to send reminders the night before the scheduled court hearing.

Individuals will still need to verify their court dates by visiting the Alaska Court System's website <http://courts.alaska.gov/index.htm>, as court dates can change.

More information on the free text reminder service, including FAQs, is available here:  
<http://courtbot.codeforanchorage.org/>

After seeing a successful pilot in Ketchikan, the court system hopes to expand to other areas in Alaska.

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