FORT PECK COURT OF APPEALS ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION POPLAR, MONTANA

FORT PECK TRIBES Appellee\Plaintiff,

Appellee\PialiTtill

VS.

C.F., born /74, Juvenile Appellant\Defendant.

Appeal No. 152

ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Appellate Court on a Notice of Appeal filed by Corwin Fourstar, by and through counsel Mary L. Zemyan, Wolf Point, Montana. The Appeal was from an Order of March 5, 1991, Honorable Leland Spotted Bird presiding, transferring the proceeding to adult court.

Appellant file his brief in support of Appeal; no brief was filed on behalf of Appellee Fort Peck Tribes; we took the matter under advisement on the basis of the brief submitted and assume that the arguments of Appellant are meritorious since no responsive brief was filed.

IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THE COURT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The requirement of oral argument (1 CCOJ 211) on criminal appeals is rendered moot by the absence of a responsive brief by Appellee, and therefore this order issues without oral argument. 1 CCOJ 202(c).
- 2. The Order authorizing transfer of the juvenile proceedings to adult court is reversed.

DATED this 10th day of June, 1992.

BY THE COURT OF APPEALS:

GERARD M. SCHUSTER, Chief Justice
GARY JAMES MELBOURNE, Associate Justice
DEBRA JOHNSON, Associate Justice