

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: APRIL/MAY 2022 TERM OF COURT

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Court's Motion concerning the April/May Term of Court in Holmes County. The Court will endeavor to move the cases to final resolution during the term. The term will begin on Monday, April 25, 2022, therefore, you are to report to the Court on April 21, 2022, in writing, whether your clients will enter a plea or go to trial. You are to report in Court on April 25 at 11:00 a. m. on the final status of your cases for the April/May Term of Court. **Please have your clients present in court, if they are not in MDOC and need transporting.** The State and Defense Attorneys should have abided by the deadline in the arraignment orders and must be ready for status on Monday, April 25, 2022. The Court will have its final status conference on April 25, 2022. The Defense must know at that time whether they will accept the final offer. I need to know your client's final decision on April 25, 2022. The status report will assist the Court in setting cases for trial on days where all defendants enter a guilty plea. This will hopefully prevent wasted court days. In the event the first setting enters an open plea on the morning of trial, the other settings should be present and ready for trial.

You are ordered to be mindful and abide by the Court's standing orders on scheduling of criminal motions, psychological evaluation and omnibus hearings. The criminal status conferences are set for Defense Attorneys and the District Attorney to meet with the Court on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 11:00 a. m. to report the status of all cases set on the April/May Docket.

The following Defense Attorneys are hereby ordered to be present:

Charles Irvin *Alva Taylor* *Pearlene Jones*
Lawrence Blackmon *Ahmad Smith* *Jarrod Mumford*

The District Attorney office is also ordered to be present at the status conference, prepared to report on the State's position.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will hear pleas on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 11:00 a. m. All other pleas heard after April 26, 2022 will be open pleas. If an attorney cannot be present for status conference, and only have one or two cases on the docket, he or she can call the court administrator on Friday, April 22, 2022 with the final status.

The parties failing to abide by this Court's order shall be subject to contempt proceeding, which may result in the payment of jury fees and other sanctions.

ORDERED this 5 day of April, 2022.


CIRCUIT JUDGE