

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF YAZOO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: MARCH 2022 TERM OF COURT

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Court's Motion concerning the March Term of Court in Yazoo County. The Court will endeavor to move the cases to final resolution during the term. The term will begin on Monday, March 21, 2022, therefore, Defense Attorneys are to report to the Court on March 17, 2022, in writing, whether your clients will enter a plea or go to trial. You are to report in Court on March 21 at 12:00 p. m. on the final status of your cases for the March 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, March 21, 2022. The Court will have its final status conference on March 21, 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 March 21, 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, March 21, 2022 at 12:00 p. m. to report the status of all cases set on the March Docket.

The following Defense Attorneys are hereby ordered to be present:

T. Murry Whalen Alva Taylor Belinda Stevens Marcus Williams

Lawrence Blackmon Edna Stringer-Jones Cynthia Stewart Trent Walker

The District Attorney and the Attorney General's offices are 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 Friday, March 25, 2022 at 9:00 a. m. All other pleas heard after March 25, 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, March 18, 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 24 day of February, 2022.



CIRCUIT JUDGE