

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: FEBRUARY 2021 TERM OF COURT

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Court's Motion concerning the February Term of Court in Humphreys County. The Court will endeavor to move the cases to final resolution during the term. The term will begin on Monday, February 22, 2021, therefore, Defense Attorneys are to report to the Court on February 18, 2021, in writing, whether your clients will enter a plea or go to trial. You are to report in Court on February 22 at 10:00 a. m. on the final status of your cases for the February Term of Court. Please have your clients present in court, if they are not in MDOC and need transporting. Defense Attorneys, please start now getting in contact with your clients and contacting the State for plea offers, if any. **If the State plans on offering a recommendation, please submit the same to the defense attorney on or before February 15, 2021**, if you have not already done so. State do not wait until February 18 or 22, to do this. The Court will have a final status conference on February 22, 2021. The State shall provide the Defense Attorneys with their **final plea offer** on or before February 17, 2021. The Defense must decide on or before February 22, 2021, whether they will accept the final offer. I need to know your client's final decision on February 22, 2021. The status report will assist the Court in setting cases for trial on days where all defendants enters 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, February 22, 2021 at 10:00 a. m. to report the status of all cases set on the February Docket.

The following Defense Attorneys are hereby ordered to be present:

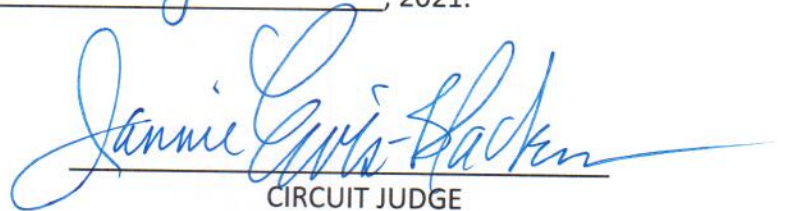
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The District Attorney office is also ordered to be present at the status conference, prepared to report on the State's position.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will hear pleas on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 9:00 a. m. All other pleas heard after February 26, 2021 will be open pleas. If an attorney cannot be present for status conference, and only have one or two cases on docket, he or she can call the court administrator on Friday 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 3 day of February, 2021.


CIRCUIT JUDGE