

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021 TERM OF COURT

ORDER

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Court's Motion concerning the September/October 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, September 27, 2021, therefore, you are to report to the Court on September 23, 2021, in writing, whether your clients will enter a plea or go to trial. You are to report in Court on September 27 at 11:00 a. m. on the final status of your cases for the September/October Term of Court. 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 September 16, 2021,** Defense must accept recommendation on or before September 24, 2021. The Court will have a final status conference on September 27, 2021. The State shall provide the Defense Attorneys with their **final plea offer** on or before September 21, 2021. The Defense must decide on or before September 24, whether they will accept the final offer. I need to know your client's final decision on September 27, 2021. The status report will assist the Court in setting cases for trial on days where all defendants, that are not previously set, will 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, September 27, 2021 at 11:00 a. m. to report the status of all cases set on the September/October Docket.

The following Defense Attorneys are hereby ordered to be present:

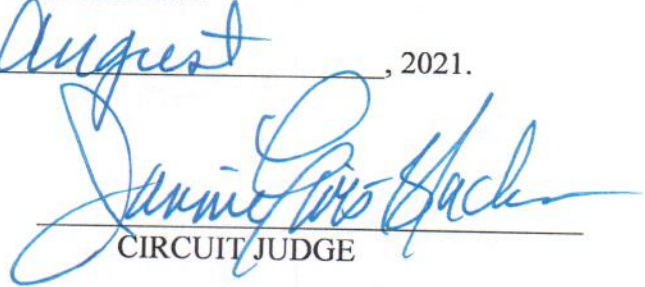
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| <i>Charles Irvin</i>     | <i>Alva Taylor</i>    | <i>Pearlene Jones</i> |
| <i>Lawrence Blackmon</i> | <i>Neysha Sanders</i> | <i>Toby Welch</i>     |
| <i>Brandon Dorsey</i>    | <i>Ahmad Smith</i>    | <i>Jarrod Mumford</i> |

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, October 1, 2021 at 9:00 a. m. All other pleas heard after October 1, 2021 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, September 24, 2021 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 August, 2021.

  
CIRCUIT JUDGE