

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: JUNE 2019 TERM OF COURT

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Court's Motion concerning the June Term of Court in Humphreys County. The Court will endeavor to move the cases to final resolution during the term. Therefore, you are to report to the Court on June 12, 2019, in writing, whether your clients will enter a plea or go to trial. You are to report in Court on June 17 at 12:00 p. m. on the final status of your cases for the June Term of Court, **with each of your clients present with you at status conference**, no excuses, if not a bench warrant will be issued. **The Court advised your clients at arraignment to be back in court on the 1st day of the term.** 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 June 7, 2019**, if you have not already done so. Do not wait until June 17, 2019 to do this. The Court will have a final status conference on June 17, 2019. The State shall provide the Defense Attorneys with their **final plea offer** on or before June 13, 2019. The Defense must decide on or before June 17, 2019, whether they will accept the final offer. I need to know your client's final decision on June 17, 2019. 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, June 17, 2019 at 12:00 p. m. to report the status of all cases set on the June Docket.

The following Defense Attorneys are hereby ordered to be present:

Tanisha Gates Dexter Woodberry Thomas Morris James Powell

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, June 21, 2019 at 9:00 a. m. All other pleas heard after June 21, 2019 will be open pleas. If an attorney cannot be present for status conference, you shall contact another attorney to stand in for you.

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 23 day of May, 2019.


CIRCUIT JUDGE