

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: APRIL/MAY 2020 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. In light of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Court will endeavor to meet the needs or responsibility of all parties and will try to move the cases to final resolution during the term. Therefore, you are to report to the Court on April 17, 2020, in writing, whether your clients will enter a plea or want a trial. You are to report in Court on April 27 at 12:00 p. m. on the final status of your cases for the April/May Term of Court. **Your client do not have to be present in 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 your final recommendation on or before April 20, 2020,** if you have not already done so. Do not wait until April 27, 2020 to do this. The Court will have a final status conference on April 27, 2020. The Defense must decide on or before April 23, 2020, whether they will accept the final offer. I need to know your client's final decision on April 27, 2020.

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 27, 2020 at 12:00 p. m. to report the status of all cases set on the April/May Docket. If you have recently traveled out of State or the Country, please advise the Court Administrator and she will take your information by telephone. Please call her on or before

April 23, 2020.

The following Defense Attorneys are hereby ordered to be present:

<i>Alva Taylor</i>	<i>Pearlene Jones</i>	<i>Charles Irvin</i>	<i>Lawrence Blackmon</i>
<i>Richard Carter</i>	<i>James Powell</i>	<i>William Russell</i>	<i>Kelvin Pulley</i>
<i>Trent Walker</i>	<i>Roslyn Jordan</i>	<i>Dennis Sweet, IV</i>	<i>Joe Hollomon</i>
<i>Roberta Blackmon</i>	<i>Neysha Sanders</i>	<i>Wesley Evans</i>	<i>Aafram Sellers</i>

The District Attorney office is also ordered to be present at the status conference, prepared to report on the State's position and must also notify the Court if there has being any recent out of State or Country travel, Attorneys and staff. All persons entering the courtroom on any given day should have taken their temperature on that morning. This includes court staff, judge staff, district attorney staff, Attorneys, Sheriff Department, and anyone else entering the courtroom.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will hear pleas on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 9:00 a. m. All other pleas heard after May 1, 2020 will be open pleas. If an attorney cannot be present for status conference, you shall contact another attorney to stand in for you or call your status in to the Court Administrator.

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, other cost and sanctions.

ORDERED this 10 day of April, 2020.

  
CIRCUIT JUDGE