

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF YAZOO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018 TERM OF COURT

ORDER

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Court's Motion concerning the Nov/Dec. Term of Court in Yazoo County. The Court will endeavor to move the cases to final resolution during the term. Therefore, you are to report to the Court on November 21, 2018, in writing, whether your clients will enter a plea or go to trial. You are to report in Court on November 26 at 12:00 p. m. on the final status of your cases for the November/December 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 November 15, 2018**, if you have not already done so. Do not wait until November 26, 2018 to do this. The Court will have a final status conference on November 26, 2018. The State shall provide the Defense Attorneys with their **final plea offer** on or before November 20, 2018. The Defense must decide on or before November 21, 2018, whether they will accept the final offer. I need to know your client's final decision on November 26, 2018. 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, November 26, 2018 at 12:00 p. m. to report the status of all cases set on the November/December Docket.

The following Defense Attorneys are hereby ordered to be present:

*T. Murry Whalen    Alva Taylor    Belinda Stevens    Marvell Gordon*

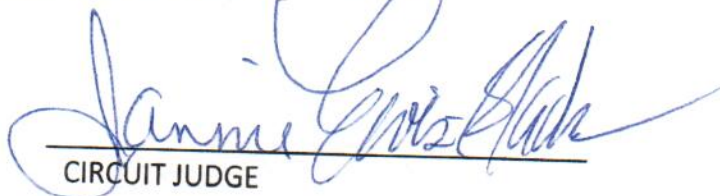
*Kelvin Camp    Dexter Woodberry    C. Ryan Burns    Elnora Faye Peterson*

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, November 30, 2018 at 9:00 a. m. All other pleas heard after November 30, 2018 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 29 day of October, 2018.

  
CIRCUIT JUDGE