

FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DIVISION "B"

IN RE: ALL CRIMINAL DIVISION "B" CASES

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**CRIMINAL STANDING ORDER (NEW FELONY SCHEDULES)**

In an effort to promote judicial economy and efficient criminal case management:

**IT IS ORDERED** that effective January 1, 2023, persons appearing in accordance with Division B felony matters, will be issued new felony schedules, as follows:

1. **First Appearance/Bond Appearance/Arraignment/Proof of Attorney Date** shall be set in accordance with Bond Return date, or as triggered by the State filing a Bill of Information on persons who are incarcerated, or by Defense counsel filing a Motion for Bond Reduction;

2. **Discovery** shall be provided by the State (within time delays prescribed by law);

3. A **Status Conference** shall take place at least ninety days after discovery is provided to Defense Counsel. It is expected that Defense Counsel will have reviewed discovery, prior to the Status Conference and that the State and Defense Counsel will be prepared to discuss any offers, if applicable, that the State has made prior to the Status Conference, to dispose of the case at the Status Conference. It is expected that the State will tender offer/s, if it intends to do so, prior to the Status Conference taking place, to afford Defense Counsel time to discuss offer/s with client/s. **Defendant's presence at the Status Conference is required;**

4. In the event disposition is not attained/attainable at the Status Conference, Defense Counsel will have time prescribed by law to file **Pre-Trial Motions**, if applicable. Preliminary Examinations, if heard, will not serve as substitutes for formal discovery requests. **Defendant's presence is required at motion/s hearing.** Trial dates will be selected at the close of pre-trial hearings with the projected number of days for trial established. Continuances may be granted only upon motion filed in accordance with the Code, and only for good cause shown;

5. A **Pre-Trial Hearing** shall be provided to address outstanding issues that the Court needs to sound in on, prior to trial commencing;

6. **Trial** shall commence at 9:00 AM; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that persons appearing in accordance with Division B felony matters, shall be required to make their address, telephone number, and email address if available on the record for courtesy notifications.

Signed in Edgard, Louisiana this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING  
IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE  
ORIGINAL ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE  
DY. CLERK OF COURT  
PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LA  
DATE 9/29/22

  
JUDGE NGHANA LEWIS