

CRIM A SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULING NOTICE

(Revised 3/31/20)

It was anticipated that the original Crim A notice of March 18, 2020, would end on April 3, 2020. However, Administrative Order 2020-064 has extended the closure date to April 24, 2020. As a result, the Crim A Order will remain in effect until such time as the Court fully reopens. Furthermore, there will continue to be no in person appearances by counsel or defendants until such time unless necessitated by extraordinary circumstances. Divisions 7 and 26 intend to phase in additional hearings and dockets *via alternative means only* so as to lessen the impact of exceptionally crowded dockets and courtrooms in the near future when said reopening occurs.

At present, priority will be given to those cases where the defendant remains in custody. The jail is permitting in-custody defendants to appear by polycom. Counsel shall appear via telephone conferencing. Instructions and information about conferencing procedure shall be provided to counsel by each Division prior to the docket.

The bulk dockets being scheduled at this time are:

Mondays (Division 26):

9:00 AM – Extraditions

10:00 AM – In-custody FTA Docket

2:00 PM – Pop Docket/Bond Review Hearings

Tuesdays (Division 26):

9:00 AM – Preliminary Hearings (TBA)

1:30 PM – Pop Docket / Initial Arraignments

2:00 PM – Preliminary Hearings (TBA)

Wednesdays (Division 7):

9:00 AM – Extraditions & Arraignments

1:30 PM – Pop Docket / Initial Arraignments

Thursdays (Division 7):

9:00 AM – Probation Violations & Settlements

1:30 PM – Pop Docket/ Initial Arraignments

2:00 PM – Bond Review Hearings

Fridays (Divisions 7 and 26 alternating each week):

9:00 AM – Extraditions

11:00 AM – Pop Docket / Initial Arraignments

Special settings will be reset on a case by case basis. Said hearings will be held by alternative methods when possible. If you wish to schedule such a hearing, or if a continuance date creates a conflict, contact the Division staff through Div7.cir16@courts.mo.gov or Div.26.cir16@courts.mo.gov.

The use of Zoom may be an option for hearings if all participants have access. It is counsel's responsibility to ensure their respective clients and witnesses have such access. In-custody defendants do not have access to Zoom at this time.

We are in the process of rescheduling all dockets. Because large dockets are being divided into smaller ones, cases have to be individually scheduled – a time consuming process. To the extent time permits, the goal is to have all cases rescheduled by next week. Counsel will be notified through the eCourt filing system and unrepresented defendants by mail of new court dates.

Finally, Orders of Protection matters are being rescheduled **ONLY** by the Protection Order Unit. Scheduling Issues/Requests for Immediate Hearing: 816-881-6316.

Thank you, Judge S. Margene Burnett and Judge R. Travis Willingham

