

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE CCL#2 DOCKET FOR THE WEEKS OF
4/13/2020 TO 5/8/20

The following applies to proceedings scheduled for the weeks of April 13, 2020 through May 8, 2020 **and those weeks only**.

These temporary changes are being made in response to the Coronavirus/Covid-19 outbreak, and are intended to minimize the number of people at the Bell County Justice Center.

Jury Trials

All Jury Trials and Jury Trial Docket Calls will be rescheduled to later dates. The Court Coordinator will give notice of the new settings.

Pleas in cases where the defendant is out on bond.

If the defendant is set for a plea, the case will be reset and a new plea date assigned by the Court Coordinator. This will be done automatically and requires no further action by attorneys or defendants. Attorneys and bond companies, however, should advise their clients not to appear for pleas. The Court Coordinator will give notice of the new court dates.

If an attorney has a defendant on bond who has some urgent need to proceed on their case, contact the Court and reasonable accommodations will be made when possible.

Defendants in Jail

Essential Jail pleas will continue. The Jail may need to transport inmates in smaller numbers than usual. Proceedings may be conducted remotely as feasibly. Everyone's patience is appreciated.

We are giving priority to cases in which the defendant is in custody. Attorneys with defendants in jail should contact the County Attorney about possibly expediting these cases, even if the case is not set for the current week. If needed, we should also be able to hear other jail pleas during the week, in addition to those set on the Tuesday and Friday jail docket.

Pretrial and Revocation Announcements

Attorneys should use Case Setting Forms and Agreed Motions for Continuance to make pretrial and revocation announcements. Defendant's signature on Case Setting Forms will not be required.

Defendants should not appear at the Wednesday 1:15 p.m. docket for pretrial and revocation announcements until after May 8, 2020.

During this time Case Setting Forms and Motions for Continuance may be delivered to the County Court Coordinator by fax at (254)933-5906 or by email at Countycrtcoor@bellcounty.texas.gov

Wednesday Afternoon Special Hearings

All hearings other than the 1:15 Pretrial and Revocation Announcement scheduled between now and May 8, 2020 will be rescheduled. The Court Coordinator will give notice of the new court dates.

NO. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS.

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IN THE COUNTY COURTS
AT LAW #2 AND #3 OF
BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

AGREED MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, the STATE/DEFENDANT and moves this Court to continue the above entitled and numbered cause, and would show that this cause is now set for a _____ on _____, 20_____.

The Movant would also show this Court that:

- () The state of Texas and DEFENDANT/Attorney for have entered into plea negotiations and expect a plea of guilty to be entered in this cause.
- () A material witness for the Movant is unable to testify at this time.
- () The Movant is waiting for the results of a chemical and scientific evidence material to the charges now pending against the Defendant.
- () The Movant is waiting for the results of a supplementary investigation now being conducted into the material facts of this case.
- () The Defendant is pending a felony.
- () Other: _____

Wherefore, Premises Considered, the Movant prays that the above numbered and entitled cause be continued, on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE/DEFENDANT

Counsel for the STATE/DEFENDANT joins in this Motion.

ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE/DEFENDANT

Offense Date

of Continuances

ORDER

ON this day came on before the Court for consideration the foregoing Motion, and after due deliberation, the Motion is GRANTED/DENIED, and the cause is reset for:

- () GUILTY PLEA (negotiated) () GUILTY PLEA (open) on _____
- () PRE-TRIAL on _____
- () TRIAL BEFORE THE COURT on _____
- () JURY TRIAL on _____
- () DOCKET CALL on _____
- () SPECIAL HEARING on _____

SIGNED AND APPROVED ON _____



JUDGE/COORDINATOR



CAUSE NO. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS.

COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. _____

BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

CASE SETTING FORM

NOW COMES the Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause and makes this his appearance under Article 28.01, V.A.C.C.P., announcing to the Court as follows:

The Defendant requests that his case be set for:

- Plea of guilty or Nolo contendere pursuant to a plea agreement with the State
- Open plea to the Court
- Special Hearing with motions attached

DEFENSE ATTORNEY (Signature)

DEFENDANT (Signature)

Setting Date: _____ Time: _____

Setting approved by Judge/Coordinator _____ Date _____