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OGSCHEDULING/ORDER FOR CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEKS BEGINNING MARCH 17, 2025 AND SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

A Criminal Trial Week is presently scheduled for Judge Jeffery S. Malcom for the Superior Court of Oglethorpe County, Georgia beginning March 17, 2025.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The cases set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and published on the Oglethorpe County Clerk's Office website shall constitute the Trial Calendar for the week of March 17, 2025, subject only to any jail cases and cases in which statutory speedy trial demands have been filed. The cases set forth are indicted or accused prior to December 31, 2024, and thus, absent good cause shown, are presumed ready for trial. If the case is not ready for trial, Counsel and Defendants must appear on January 13, 2025 to explain why the case is not ready for trial.

A Calendar Call will be held on January 13, 2025. The Court will hear any pending Motions on February 6, 2025 and will accept any negotiated pleas on March 7, 2025. All three (3) of these dates shall commence at 9:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the Oglethorpe County Courthouse. Counsel and the parties are *not* required to be present on February 6, 2025 or March 7, 2025, absent the intent to enter a plea or the hearing of a Motion(s). Absent notice provided to the Court on January 13, 2025, the Court will presume that defense counsel is in touch with and has accurate contact with Defendants/clients.

The cases set forth shall be called for trial in the Order listed, again subject to any jail cases and cases in which statutory speedy trial demands have been filed. Counsel and the parties shall be ready for trial, including having witnesses subpoenaed and available.

It shall be the responsibility and obligation of the moving party to cause a Rule Nisi to issue for the hearing of any pending Motion(s) for February 6, 2025 or Plea(s) for March 7, 2025. Any pending Motion(s) or Plea(s) not scheduled and brought for hearing on said dates, absent good cause shown, shall be considered abandoned.

On or before March 10, 2025, the Court will email attorneys and pro se defendants to notify which cases are to report. All cases not directed to report the Monday of the trial week will be subject to a one-day call, meaning parties will be told to report the day before they are to appear in court for trial.

The Court will *not* accept negotiated pleas of which the Court has not been previously advised after March 7, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

ANY CASE NOT REACHED DURING THE MARCH 17, 2025 TRIAL WEEK IS HEREBY ORDERED TO REPORT READY FOR TRIAL ON THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK. A CALENDAR CALL WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 26, 2025. THE COURT WILL HEAR ANY PENDING MOTIONS ON JULY 25, 2025 AND WILL ACCEPT ANY NEGOTIATED PLEAS FOR SAID TRIAL WEEK ON AUGUST 26, 2025. ALL OF THESE DATES SHALL COMMENCE AT 9:30 A.M., IN THE COURTROOM

OF THE OGLETHORPE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEXINGTON, GEORGIA. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION OF THE MOVING PARTY TO CAUSE A RULE NISI TO ISSUE FOR THE HEARING OF ANY PENDING MOTION(S) ON JULY 25, 2025 OR PLEA(S) ON AUGUST 26, 2025. ANY PENDING MOTION(S) OR PLEA(S) NOT SCHEDULED AND BROUGHT FOR HEARING ON SAID DATE, ABSENT GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, SHALL BE CONSIDERED ABANDONED. THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL GET.

On or before September 2, 2025, the Court will email attorneys and pro se defendants to notify which cases are to report. All cases not directed to report the Monday of the trial week will be subject to a one-day call, meaning parties will be told to report the day before they are to appear in court for trial.

This Order sets forth eight (8) dates:

For the March 17, 2025 Trial Week

Calendar Call on January 13, 2025 Motion Day on February 6, 2025 Plea Day on March 7, 2025

For the September 8, 2025 Trial Week

Calendar Call on June 26, 2025 Motion Day on July 25, 2025 Plea Day on August 26, 2025

No continuance or removal from the Trial Calendar shall be granted except for good cause, and any such request shall be brought to the Court's attention on January 13, 2025. Counsel shall strictly and timely comply with Rule 17.1(B) of the Uniform Rules for Superior Courts in regard to any conflicts for all seven (7) dates set forth.

Jurors will report on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., in the Courtroom of the Oglethorpe County Courthouse, Lexington, Georgia, for jury selection and the trial of cases. For the September 8, 2025 Criminal Trial Week, jurors will report on Monday, September 8, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., for jury selection and the trial of cases.

Copies of this Order shall be sent to the State, the Public Defender's Office, and all private defense attorneys and commercial Bonding Companies via email, and to Defendants and Private Bondsmen by U.S. Mail, on the date listed below. The full Order and Exhibit list shall be posted on the Clerk's website.

SO ORDERED this 2 day of October, 2024.

Hon Jeffery S. Malcom Judge of Superior Courts Northern Judicial Circuit