



Justice Court of Clay County

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STANDING ORDER REGARDING DOCKETING OR CONTINUANCE OF A CRIMINAL CASE

1. Upon entering a plea of "not guilty" by the defendant or upon receiving a notice of representation by attorney, the Court will place the case on a Pre-Trial Hearing Docket.
2. If the case is not resolved by the Pre-Trial Hearing date or the defendant or their representative does not appear at the Pre-Trial Hearing, the case will be placed on the Trial Docket and proper notice sent to the defendant or their representative.
3. Defendant will be allowed up to two (2) motions for continuance for hearings and/or trials, combined. Continuances must be for good cause as determined by the Court.
4. After the two (2) requests referenced in item #3, additional requests for continuances must be requested by motion and accompanied by a **NOTICE OF AGREED SETTING** which shall be signed by the attorney for the State and by the defendant (or attorney for the defendant if represented). The Court shall be consulted prior to entering a date and time for the reset. These requests must be received by the Court at least 10 business days prior to the date of the current setting.
5. If a motion for continuance is opposed, the party filing the motion shall state:
 - a. The expected length of time necessary for a hearing or trial.
 - b. That the party has conferred with the opposing party concerning available dates.
 - c. Suggested hearing dates and times.
6. No motion for continuance will be considered which does not comply with this Order.
7. This Order shall not be interpreted to restrict the discretion of the Court in any respect regarding whether to require a hearing on any uncontested or agreed matter presented to the Court for approval.

Signed this the 10th day of February 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lanny Reams".

Judge, Justice Court of Clay County

