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30th DISTRICT COURT

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STANDING ORDER REGARDING **INDICTMENTS ASSIGNED TO STATE** **SPECIAL PROSECUTION UNIT**

Within Wichita County, there exists a prison unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice known as the James V. Allred Unit (hereinafter "Allred Unit"). Criminal charges that arise from actions within the Allred unit are filed in the District Courts of Wichita County. The 30th District Court, 78th District Court, and 89th District Court exercise felony jurisdiction in Wichita County.

Criminal offenses occurring within the Allred Unit are prosecuted by the Special Prosecution Unit. Typically, the State Counsel for Offenders is assigned to represented the Defendant. Neither the prosecution of the Special Prosecution Unit nor defense counsel with the State Counsel for Offenders reside in Wichita County, and have to travel considerable distances to handle matters pending in Wichita County.

After discussions with the Anndi Risinger of the Special Prosecution Unit, Laura Luxton with the State Counsel for Offenders, Wichita County Public Defender's Office, and the other District Courts of Wichita County, the following Standing Order is entered to promote efficiency for the courts, counsel, and the parties:

Effectively immediately, all indictments returned by the Wichita County Grand Jury that are prosecuted by the Special Prosecution Unit for offenses that occur within Texas Department of Criminal Justice property shall be assigned to the 30th District Court.

The Wichita County District Clerk is ordered to file this order in the General Orders of Wichita County, forward this order to the Office of Court Administration, and ensure that this order is posted on the website of the Wichita County District Clerk and the 30th District Court. This order shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by a District Court Judge.

Signed on this 19th day of July, 2024.



Judge Jeff McKnight
30th District Court
Local Administrative District Judge