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STANDING ORDER
APPOINTING PUBLIC DEFENDER, OFFICE OF FIRST DEFENSE, AND
CAPDS ATTORNEYS FOR MAGISTRATION

The District and County Court at Law Judges trying criminal cases in Travis County hereby express their support for counsel at first appearance (CAFA) in criminal cases. In an effort to effectively provide that counsel, the Judges appoint the Public Defender, the Office of First Defense, and CAPDS to represent all consenting persons arrested and brought to the Travis County Jail during County approved CAFA shifts for the limited purpose of advocating bail issues at any hearing before a Magistrate pursuant to Tex. Code Crim. P. Art. 15.17. Representation under this appointment does not extend beyond the conclusion of the Art. 15.17 hearing unless a further, separate Order is issued in any individual case.

The Public Defender, Office of First Defense, and CAPDS may divide the cases as their capacity allows and may delegate these duties to an Assistant Public Defender, Office of First Defense counsel, and CAPDS assigned panel attorneys to perform their duties pursuant to this Order.

To the best extent possible, the Criminal Courts will prioritize appointing the Public Defender's Office to cases they have handled at magistration, but not every person represented at magistration will qualify for their representation, such as persons who are ineligible financially to receive appointed counsel, or cases where conflicts may be discovered later. Cases handled by CAPDS or the Office of First Defense at magistration may be appointed to either CAPDS or the Public Defender's Office after magistration, if the case qualifies for appointment.

Our previous Standing Orders granting discovery prior to determination of bail, pretrial release, or any conditions thereof apply to this appointment for representation, and the Judges order the Travis County Sheriff's Office and Pretrial Services to share relevant information pertaining to the arrested persons with their counsel appointed for magistration.

This Standing Order supersedes and replaces the previous Standing Order Appointing Public Defender and CAPDS Attorneys for Magistration (effective May 22, 2024), which is hereby rescinded.

Signed the 13th day of February, 2025,

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