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STANDING REFERRAL ORDER CONCERNING THE HAYS COUNTY CRIMINAL ASSOCIATE JUDGE

PURSUANT TO TITLE 2, SUBTITLED D, CHAPTER 54A

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

WHEREAS SECTION 54A.006, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, authorizes the referral of certain duties to an associate judge. The undersigned JUDGES of Hays County, Texas, hereby ORDER THE REFERRAL of the following duties, which duties rise out of criminal proceedings that fall within the responsibilities of the undersigned, Judges:

1. All matters incident to magistrate duties under Article 15.17, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Chapter, 17, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure including, but not limited to:

   a. Setting bail in felonies for the District Courts

   b. Setting bail in misdemeanors for the County Courts at Law

   b. Adjusting bail in felonies for the District Courts

   c. Adjusting bail in misdemeanor for the County Courts at Law

   d. Issuing and modifying Orders for Emergency Protection under Article 17.292 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

   e. Setting, Issuing and enforcement of bail conditions

   f. Setting, adjusting, or revoking misdemeanor and felony bonds, pursuant to Chapter 17, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

2. Presiding over examining trials pursuant to Chapter 16, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

3. Any matters arising out of a civil commitment matter under Subtitle C, Title 7, Texas Health and Safety Code

4. Issuing warrants of arrest as provided by Chapter 15, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

5. Issuing search warrants, including a search warrant under Article 18.02(a)(10), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, notwithstanding Article 18.01(c), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

6. Any other matter a District Judge or County Court at Law Judge considers necessary and proper

7. The Associate Judge's powers may be exercised as necessary unless limited by this referral order or 54A.008(b) or (c) of the Texas Government Code

THE UNDERSIGNED JUDGES of Hays County, Texas, hereby GRANT THE FOLLOWING POWERS UNDER Section 54A.008 of the Texas Government Code:

An associate judge to whom a case is referred may:

(1) conduct hearings;

(2) hear evidence;

(3) compel production of relevant evidence;

(4) rule on the admissibility of evidence;

(5) issue summons for the appearance of witnesses;

(6) examine a witness;

(7) swear a witness for a hearing;

(8) make findings of fact on evidence;

(9) formulate conclusions of law;

(10) rule on pretrial motions;

(11) recommend the rulings, orders, or judgment to be made in a case;

(12) regulate proceedings in a hearing;

(13) order the attachment of a witness or party who fails to obey a subpoena;

(14) select a jury;

(15) notwithstanding Article 18.01(c), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, issue a search warrant, including a search warrant under Article 18.02(10), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(16) issue warrants of arrest as provided by Chapter 15, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

(17) take action as necessary and proper for the efficient performance of the duties required by the order of referral.

A. Perform such other duties and handle such other matters as allowed for Magistrates under the Texas Family Code (Juvenile magistration and detention), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Texas Penal Code and the Texas Government Code.

B. Perform such other duties as the District and County Court at Law Judges consider necessary and proper from time to time.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2nd day of March, 2020. 8:08 AM

Judge Gary Steel
274th Judicial District
Hays County, Texas

Judge Tacie Zelhart
County Court at Law No. 3
Hays County, Texas

Judge Jack Robison
207th Judicial District
Hays County, Texas

Judge Robert Updegrove
County Court at Law No. 1
Hays County, Texas

Judge Bill Henry
428th Judicial District
Hays County, Texas

Judge Chris Johnson
County Court at Law No. 2
Hays County, Texas

Judge R. Bruce Boyer
22nd Judicial District
Hays County, Texas

Judge David Junkin
453rd Judicial District
Hays County, Texas