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420TH DISTRICT COURT OF
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY, TEXAS

COURT'S STANDING ORDER CONCERNING SUBMISSION
OF PROPOSED EXHIBITS FOR TRIAL

EXHIBIT LISTS AND PROPOSED EXHIBITS AT PRETRIAL STAGE

This Standing Order applies to all bench and jury trials when the proposed exhibits exceed ten in number. The parties must jointly submit an exhibit list that includes the State's exhibits and each Defendant(s) exhibits using a template that is appended to this Order. The template requires the parties to provide the following information:

- (a) the exhibit number;
- (b) a concise, neutral description of the exhibit; and
- (c) whether there is an objection to the exhibit's admission, and if so, a concise explanation of the objection and the proponent's theory of admissibility. The concise explanation of objection and theory of admissibility must be complete (i.e., list each distinct basis for admission or exclusion, such as Rules of Evidence or court opinions) but need not be as exhaustive as a brief would be. If there is agreement as to admissibility of the proposed exhibit(s), then the details otherwise required by the template may be dispensed with.

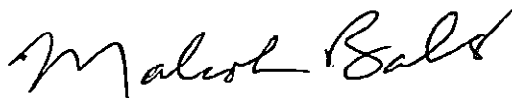
If additional argument on an issue will benefit the Court, it will ask the parties to brief the issue or address it at the final pretrial conference. Grounds not listed may be waived,

except for foundation and authentication. Unless the parties stipulate to the admissibility of an exhibit, the proponent must be prepared to properly lay foundation and authenticate the document at trial. The parties shall, however, make a good faith effort to stipulate to the authenticity and admissibility of exhibits to the extent reasonable. In addition to substantive exhibits and Rule 1006 summary exhibits, the list should also include proposed demonstrative exhibits and any exhibits that are likely to be referred to at trial even though not allowed into evidence. It is the Court's intention to avoid as much as is practical, tedious inquiries and disputes before the jury concerning the admissibility of evidence.

Because of the need to work together to create the templated charts (because of the objection column), the parties must exchange their respective proposed exhibit charts **10 business days** before the scheduled final pretrial, and the objecting side must return the chart with the objection column filled in **5 business days** before the deadline.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances during trial, a party wishes to introduce an exhibit not previously listed, notice should be given as soon as possible to the opposing side and to the Court so that any objections can be discussed. Absent abuse of this process, an exhibit will not be deemed inadmissible simply because it was not included on the original exhibit list, provided the exhibit/document was earlier produced to the opposing side during discovery.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this the 24th day of August, 2026.



Malcolm Bales
Judge Presiding

No.	Date	Description	Objection