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Clerk of District Court Brazoria Co., Texas  
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§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
§ 300TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
§ BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER OF REFERRAL OF CRIMINAL MATTERS TO THE ASSOCIATE JUDGE

IT IS ORDERED that, in accordance with Sections 54A.006 and 54A.007 of the Texas Government Code, all of the following matters arising out of any criminal matter over which the 300<sup>th</sup> District Court has jurisdiction or authority are hereby referred to the Associate Judge for the 300<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court:

1. a negotiated plea of guilty or no contest before the Court;
2. a bond forfeiture;
3. a pretrial motion;
4. a writ of habeas corpus;
5. an examining trial;
6. an occupational driver's license
7. an appeal of an administrative driver's license revocation hearing;
8. a civil commitment matter under Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code
9. setting, adjusting, or revoking bond;
10. the issuance of search warrants, including a search warrant under Article 18.02(a)(10), Code of Criminal Procedure, notwithstanding Article 18.01(c), Code of Criminal Procedure;
11. any other matter that the Presiding Judge of the 300<sup>th</sup> District Court considers necessary and proper.

The Associate Judge shall have the power to accept an agreed plea of guilty or no contest from a defendant charged with misdemeanor, felony, or both misdemeanor and felony offenses and may assess punishment if a plea agreement is announced on the record between the defendant and the state. The Associate Judge shall have all of the powers of a magistrate under the laws of this state and may administer an oath for any purpose. When requested by the Presiding Judge of the 300<sup>th</sup> District Court, the Associate Judge shall select a jury; however, the Associate Judge may not preside over said trial on the merits. The Associate Judge shall call the Court's docket when directed to do so by the Presiding Judge of the 300<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this ORDER, the Presiding Judge of the 300<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court shall have the power to cancel the referral of any matter or part thereof referred by this ORDER at any time on the Court's own motion, without written order.

SIGNED THIS DATE: January 3, 2023

  
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JUDGE PRESIDING