



**STANDING ORDER FOR CRIMINAL CASES AND JURY TRIALS**  
**IN THE 456<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT, GUADALUPE COUNTY, TEXAS**

For any case set on the Criminal Non-Jury docket of the 456<sup>th</sup> District Court, the following provisions shall control pretrial matters absent further order of the Court. All references to "counsel" include self-represented litigants.

**Pre-Trial Procedures**

- a. Any counsel who has a client in custody in the Guadalupe County Jail shall report to docket in Guadalupe County first prior to proceeding to other counties.

For any case set on the Jury docket of the 456<sup>th</sup> District Court, the following provisions shall control trial matters absent further order of the Court. All references to "counsel" include self-represented litigants. Failure to observe the requirements of this Order will be deemed a waiver of any motion or evidence not in compliance with this order.

**Jury Trial Procedures**

- a. All requested video redactions must be ruled upon or agreed upon by the end of the Announcement Docket for the case. Redactions shall be completed prior to the beginning of voir dire. Redactions that are not requested, ruled upon and/or agreed upon by the end of the Announcement Docket are waived.
- b. Counsel for the State and counsel for the Defense shall provide a proposed jury charge or proposed jury instructions prior to the beginning of voir dire.
- c. At the conclusion of the evidence, counsel for the State and Counsel for the Defense shall remain in the courtroom while the jury charge is discussed and changes are made. The Court may request assistance, if any is needed, in making changes; however, all parties will be present while the charge is reviewed and/or corrected. At the conclusion of the charging conference, both sides will be given an opportunity to make final preparations for closing arguments while the Court prints the final jury charge.

**This order is effective as of February 1, 2024.**

  
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JUDGE HEATHER HINES WRIGHT  
456<sup>th</sup> District Court