

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF) MS 21-46
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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURT) ORDER FOR CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS
) BEGINNING ON June 1, 2021 IN
) THE DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT
) ANNEX BUILDING
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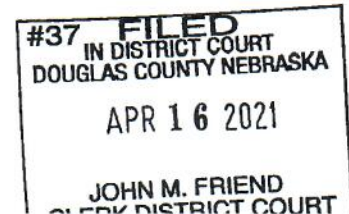
On December 11, 2020, the Court entered General Order MS20-110 which canceled the jury panels for the months of January and February 2021. The Court entered this Order due to the Court's inability to safely call and retain an adequate cross-section of jurors, and the effect of following the rapidly evolving public health recommendations on the availability of parties, counsel, citizens accused, law enforcement officers, and court staff. Consequently, the backlog of criminal and civil cases requesting jury trials has increased. In consideration of the constitutional and statutory right to a speedy trial enjoyed by citizens accused in criminal cases, and due to the ongoing restrictions created by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Fourth Judicial District will reinstate the June 2021 Jury Panel solely for criminal cases only.

The Douglas County Annex Building renovation is completed. Accordingly, the *voir dire* in the below-listed criminal cases will take place in the Douglas County Annex Building located at 1805 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102 across the street from the Douglas County Courthouse. The jury trials will be limited to the following District Court Judges on their assigned specific dates. The jury trials will be limited to the following criminal cases that have been scheduled.

All civil cases previously scheduled for jury trial in the Court's January 15, 2021 Third Amended General Order MS21-5 are continued for good cause to alleviate the backlog associated with the citizens accused who await to assert their constitutional and statutory right to trial by jury in criminal cases.

Jury selection schedule for June 2021 Criminal Cases Only:

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 CR 19-3239 State v. Komlanvi Avitso (Molly Keane/Jeff Courtney)



Back-up 1: CR 19-3514 State v Antonio C. Silva (Sean Lavery/Beau Finley)

[BURNS]

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Back up 1:

Back up 2:

Back up 3:

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Monday, June 7, 2021 CR20-3748 St. v Reynolds, Robert / Meckna / Jedlicka

Back-up 1: CR20-3845 St. v Ater, Dut / Keane / Pivovar

Back-up 2: CR20-3751 St. v Tramble, Ramon / Miller / Dornan

Back-up 3: CR20-2475 St. v Lightener, Cedric / Beninato / Hoffman

[MASTELLER]

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 CR20-850 St v. Ray Brown / A.Miller-D.Reed

Back-up 1: CR20-681/682 St v. Royce Whittamore/J.Cantwell-J.Thustos

Back-up 2: CR20-2749 St v. Zhijun Xia / M.Keane-S.Lefler

Back-up 3: CR 20-4457 St v. Steven Grau / S.Lavery-C.Tate

Back-up 4: CR 20-4342 St v. Joshua Davis / N.Jones-J.West

[RETELSDORF]

Monday, June 14, 2021 CR20-634 /CR20-1949 State v. James P. Henderson
(Erick Fabian/Sean Conway)

Back-up 1: CR21-391 State v. William E. Bush Jr. (Tressa Alioth/Abbi Romshek)

[BOWIE]

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 CR20-4138 State v. Whitbeck / Jacobsen,

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Back up 1: CR19-2716 State v. Wilson / Beninato, Johnson

[OTEPKA]

Monday, June 21, 2021 State v. Davonte Hill, CR 19-4602, (J.Alagaban /J.Jacobs)

Back-up 1: State v. Imhotep Davis, CR 20-1142, (M.Jensen /B.Craig)

Back-up 2: State v. Imhotep Davis, CR 20-1684, (M.Jensen /B.Craig)

Back-up 3: State v. Lamar Mitchell, CR 20-1625, (B.Beadle / C.Tate)

Back-up 4: State v. Llizzibet Coleman,CR 20-1855, (B.Beadle /J.Howard)

Back-up 5: State v. Cedrick J. Fischer, CR 21-364, (J.Alagaban /J.Troia)

Back-up 6: State v. Anthony Ascanio, CR 20-2471, (N.Jones /S.Dornan)

[PANKONIN]

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 State v. Francisco Francisco Jose, CR 20-2618
(Erin Hurley/Noelle Obermeyer) NEED KANJOBAL interpreter

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Jury summonses for the June 2021 jury panel have been mailed.

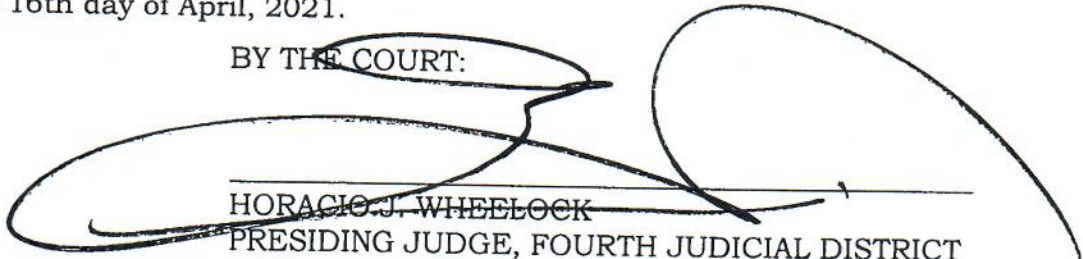
Douglas County District Courts have taken measures to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency upon our Courts and its participants. The Court finds that having any additional trials during the month of June would be impossible due to the ongoing social distancing restrictions for the public. Based on the guidelines of local health officials "a minimum distance of six (6) feet between" all persons is recommended. The Douglas County Courthouse and Courtrooms do not have the space available to accommodate any additional jury trials while at the same time maintaining social distancing restrictions. The Court recognizes that the guidelines recommended by the local health officials are not legally binding on the Court, but the Court, nonetheless, finds that adherence to these recommendations is in the best interest of the public for their health and safety.

Due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic, the Court finds that all other civil cases scheduled for the June, 2021 jury panel are continued for good cause to the next available trial date for the individual court.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated this 16th day of April, 2021.

BY THE COURT:



HORACIO J. WHEELOCK
PRESIDING JUDGE, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT