



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

MS 20-92

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURT

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) ORDER FOR CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS
) BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 2, 2020
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Due to the restrictions created by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Fourth Judicial District will reinstate the December 2020 Jury Panel for criminal cases only. Jury trials will be limited to the following criminal cases:

Jury selection schedule for December 2020 Criminal Cases Only:

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 State v. Ottis Walker CR17-1037 (Ann Miller/Brenda Beadle/Jerry Hug/James McGough)

Back up 1: State v. Brandon Kane CR19-2665 (Desiree Stormont/Adam Johnson)

Back up 2: State v. Fabian Jefferson CR20-2238 (Molly Keane/Jason Troia)

Back up 3: State v. Cordell Bridgeman CR20-1143 (Eric Wells/Brian Craig)

Back up 4: State v. Javeris Walker CR20-1551 (Desiree Stormont/Noelle Obermeyer)

Back up 5: State v. Azendae McKizzie CR20-2525 (Shawn Hagerty/Cindy Tate)
[DERR]

Monday, December 7, 2020 State v. Jared Nichols and State v. Dennis Nichols CR20-567/ CR20-978 (Beth Benianto/Korey Taylor)

Back up 1 State v. Tyler CR -19-4529 (Kati Kilcoin/John Cavanaugh)

Back up 2 State v. Ivan Fourhorns CR20-1968 (Tressa Alioth/John Jay Jedlicka)

Back up 3 State v. Jeffrey F. Wernimont CR19-3732 (Sean Lavery/Johnathan Crosby)

Back up 4 State v. David Holloway CR19-4819 & CR-20-2013 (Molly Keane/Travis Wampler)

Back up 5 State v. Roton Nero CR20-2286 (Rob Mactaggart/Korey Taylor)

Back up 6 State v. Julio Velsquez CR19-3004 (Erin Hurley/Kati Kilcoin/Chris Roth)
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Wednesday, December 9, 2020 State v. Louis French CR20-259; CR19-3024;
CR19-3025 (Amy Jacobsen & Ann Miller/Jami Jacobs & Matt Miller)

Back-up 1: State v. Victor Cobarruvias-Ozuma CR 20-645 (Molly
Keane/Thomas Campbell)

Back-up 2: State v. Jammil Alexis CR 20-1997 (Nissa Jones/April Lucas)

Back-up 3: State v. Llewellyn Vick CR 20-2088 & CR20-2090 (Gary
Olson/Kevin Ryan)

Back-up 4: State v. Francisco Garcia-Olivar CR 20-746 (Erin Hurley/Jim
McGough)

[STRATMAN]

Monday, December 14, 2020 State v. David Stastny CR 19-1834 & CR 20-
152 (Beth Beninato/Abbi Romshek)

Back-up 1: State v. Matthew Gehrts CR 20-1327 (Desiree Stormont/Bethany
Stensrud)

Back-up 2: State v. Arthur Plunkett CR 19-2898 (Jameson Cantwell/Jeanine
Tlustos)

Back-up 3: State v. Anthony Curry CR 20-473 (Rob MacTaggart/Bill O'Brien)

Back-up 4: State v. James A. Bates CR 20-1359 (Sean Lavery/Doug Johnson)

Back-up 5: State v. Shane Holbert CR 19-4649 (Jennifer Meckna/Abbi
Romshek)

Back-up 6: State v. Ramirez-Loarca CR 20-1073 (Kati Kilcoin/Chinedu
Igbokwe)

Back-up 7: State v. Vincent Burns CR 20-1349 (Michael Jensen/Abbi
Romshek)

Back-up 8: State v. Tricia Melena CR 17-3325 (Jennifer
Meckna/Travis Wampler)

Back-up 9: State v. Marco Linale CR 20-1834 (Tressa Alioth/Seth Morris)

Back-up 10: State v. Mauricio Padilla CR 20-243 (Beth Beninato/Korey Taylor)

[SCHATZ]

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 State v. Dejah Lawrence CR19-4024 (David
Wear/John Jay Jedlicka)

Back-up 1: State v. Demetrian Washington CR 20-1481 (Sarah Moore
/Allyson Mendoza)

Back-up 2: State v. James Fairbanks CR 20-1777 (Brenda Beadle /Steve
Lefler)

Back-up 3: State v. Alazontae White CR 20-2370 (Sean Lavery/Jessica West)

[BOWIE]

Jury summonses for the December 2020 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 additional trials during the month of December would be impossible due to the ongoing social distancing restrictions for the public. The Directed Health Order issued by the Nebraska Department of Public Health and Human Services orders "a minimum distance of six (6) feet between" all persons. 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 restrictions ordered by the Directed Health Order are not legally binding on the Court, but the Court, nonetheless, finds that adherence to these restrictions 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 criminal cases scheduled for the December 2020 jury panel are continued for good cause pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 29-1207(4)(f) to the next available trial date for the individual court.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated this 13th day of October, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

HORACIO J. WHEELOCK
PRESIDING JUDGE, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT