

STATE OF TENNESSEE, EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CRIMINAL COURT

IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**GENERAL SCHEDULING ORDER FOR CRIMINAL COURT
EFFECTIVE THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2021**

Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court (TSC) order No. ADM2020-00428, all jury trials in Tennessee are suspended through January 31, 2021. Jury trials will be permitted only with the express consent of the Chief Justice, granted on a case-by-case basis.

After considering the basis for the new order, this Court will suspend, effective immediately, all Grand Jury proceedings through January 31, 2021. Currently these proceedings are scheduled as follows:

Claiborne County – November 23, 2020
Campbell County – December 9, 2020
Union County – January 4, 2021
Scott County – January 5, 2021
Campbell County – January 6, 2021
Fentress County – January 7, 2021
Claiborne County – January 8, 2021

The new dates for Grand Jury proceedings will be established when in-person meetings are resumed and on a date that permits adequate public notice of reconvening.

Jurors, Grand and Petit, will continue service in the courts of this district until further notice. No new jurors will be summoned for orientation through the suspension period. There will be no jury activities through January 31, 2021 and until further notice.

All remaining proceedings in the Criminal Court will be conducted remotely, using teleconference applications (Zoom, etc.). We will use the same methodology as in the previous suspension. All persons interested in participating and viewing court proceedings will be provided with a meeting ID and password upon request. These proceedings are scheduled as follows:

Campbell County – November 30, 2020
December 16 and 17, 2020
January 6, 2021
January 25 and 26, 2021

Claiborne County – December 7 and 8, 2020
January 8, 2021

Fentress County – December 14 and 15, 2020
January 7, 2021

Scott County – January 5, 2021
January 19 and 20, 2021

Union County – January 4, 2021
January 11 and 12, 2021

Cases involving in-custody defendants will be given scheduling priority. The clerks in the respective counties will prepare the dockets as is normal practice and docketing requests will be made through that office.

ENTER this 19th day of November, 2020.



E. Shayne Sexton, Criminal Court Judge