

Presiding Judge William LaFortune announced today the following temporary procedures for preliminary hearing matters for in-custody felony defendants until April 20,2020:

### Preliminary Hearings

Except for in-custody waivers and pleas (See below) all cases on the preliminary hearing dockets are continued for five (5) weeks, no issue. All cases are passed with a bench warrant under advisement. In other words, every case shall be set on the same day of the week as the originally scheduled hearing but five (5) weeks later. If you are in doubt, or have any question about the new date, call the clerk, or check the docket on OSCN.

### In-Custody Waivers and Pleas by Video

Judge Miller will take in-custody waivers and pleas (for both preliminary hearing dockets) in Courtroom 158 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am by video.

Defense attorneys must prepare their paperwork (waivers and plea forms) and deliver it to the arraignment room the day before the court date. Also, they must notify Anita that there is paperwork for the client to read and sign. Anita will pick up the paperwork and deliver it to the jail for the client's review and signature. Anita will re-deliver the paperwork to Courtroom 158 on the day of the waiver and/or plea.

Also, defense attorneys must submit a list of cases of the cases that they want to be heard for waiver and/or plea to the preliminary hearing clerk

- by Monday at 10:00 am for the Tuesday docket, and
- by Wednesday at 10:00 am for the Thursday docket.

The preliminary hearing clerks (Tina and Miranda) are working on alternative weeks. Miranda will be here for the weeks of 03/23/20 – 03/27/20 and 04/06/20 – 04/10/20. Tina will be here for the weeks of 3/30/22 – 4/3/20 and 4/13/20 – 4/17/20. The clerks will notify the jail of who needs to be available for the video waivers and pleas.

Contact Tina by phone or email at 918-596-5381, Tina.Harper@oscn.net

Contact Miranda by phone or email at 918-596-5379, Miranda.Heins@oscn.net

You may also contact Judge Seibert's clerk.

If you have any further questions, you may contact Judge Miller at Anthony.Miller@oscn.net