

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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Case No.

Defendant.

PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

The following Order shall govern this criminal case. Absent express permission from the Court, no exceptions, extensions, or waivers to the requirements set forth herein are allowed.

The above-styled case having come before this Court for arraignment on **a date TBD by the Court** and IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

A. DISCOVERY:

1. Defendant has until **2 weeks after arraignment** to opt into reciprocal discovery as set forth at O.C.G.A. § 17-16-1 *et. seq.*
2. If Defendant elects to participate in reciprocal discovery under O.C.G.A. § 17-16-1 *et. seq.*, both parties shall serve all discovery materials upon opposing counsel no later than **6 weeks after arraignment**.
Proof of compliance SHALL be documented by filing into the record a Certificate of Service in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 17-1-1(e)(1).
3. If Defendant procures new counsel, it shall be the duty of the original attorney for Defendant to provide all discovery served upon him/her to the new attorney.

B. MOTION HEARINGS:

1. All demurrers are to be filed within ten (10) days of arraignment in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 17-7-110.
2. All particularized motions and notices, including but not limited to (a) motions to suppress, (b) Jackson/Denno motions, (c) notices of evidence of other crimes, wrongs, or acts (including, but not limited to, 404, 413, and 414 notices), (d) State's intent to use child hearsay, (e) notice of intent to raise issues of insanity or mental illness, (f) motions to sever, and (g) claims of immunity shall be filed on or before **10 weeks after arraignment**.
3. Generalized and omnibus motions will not be considered by the Court. All motions shall specify, with particularity, the item, statement, and/or event at issue. Thus, for example, a motion to suppress any and all statements is insufficient; the motion

must identify the specific statement, or portion of the statement, the movant is seeking to suppress, as well as the theory of suppression.

4. All responsive pleadings shall be filed on or **11 weeks after arraignment.**
5. **If an evidentiary hearing is needed the pleading must contain a notice to the Court in the caption under the criminal action number as follows: "Evidentiary Hearing Requested";** or requests for hearings can be made in writing contemporaneously with the filing of the relevant motion or response. If a written request for hearing is filed, the request must be filed as a separate pleading bearing the caption of the case and entitled "Request for Evidentiary Hearing". **WHEN A HEARING IS REQUESTED, NOTIFY THE CRIMINAL CASE MANAGER VIA EMAIL** (LaFarrington@chathamcounty.org). Failure to specifically request a hearing shall be deemed by the Court as a waiver of an evidentiary hearing making the matter ripe before the Court. If a hearing is properly requested one will be scheduled by the Court. ****PLEASE NOTE:** The Trial Docket Call date is subject to change depending upon the timing of Motions heard by the Court.

C. TRIAL DOCKET CALL:

The State and Defendant shall appear before the Court for a docket call on **a date TBD by the Court** and be prepared to inform the Court as to any remaining issues to be resolved. A trial date will be assigned for all cases announced as "Ready." All motions in limine shall be filed at least five (5) days prior to this date. Extensions may be granted for good cause shown.

D. OTHER:

All parties are being served with a copy of this Pretrial Scheduling Order on today's date. No further notice shall be given and all parties are expected to be present on the dates and times set forth above unless prior leave of Court is obtained. Failure to comply with a deadline may result in sanctions.

EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINES MAY BE GRANTED WHEN REQUESTED IN WRITING AND GOOD CAUSE IS SHOWN.

THIS ORDER SUPECEDES ANY PREVIOUSLY ENTERED SCHEDULING ORDERS.

SO ORDERED, this the _____ day of _____, _____.

Christopher K. Middleton, Judge,
Chatham Superior Court, EJC, Georgia

cc: *Counsel of Record*