

STANDING ORDER FOR MCLENNAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

In consideration of the issues with Coronavirus (COVID-19), and in conjunction with the SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS (MISC. DOCKET NO. 20-9042) and COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS (MISC. DOCKET NO. 20-007) in their joint FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER issued March 13, 2020, the District Courts of McLennan County, Texas (19th Judicial District and 54th Judicial District), hereby ORDERS AND EXTENDS Art. 17.151, Sec. 1(1), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, from 90 days to 120 days from the commencement of his detention if defendant is accused of a felony.

Under normal circumstances, pursuant to Art. 17.151, Sec. 1(1), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, a defendant who is detained in jail pending trial of an accusation against such defendant must be released either on personal bond or by reducing the amount of bail required, if the State is not ready for trial of the criminal action for which he is being detained within 90 days from the commencement of such defendant's detention if he is accused of a felony.

The Courts, finding extraordinary circumstances identified by the FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER, consistent with and under the authority of the FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER, pursuant to section 2(a) of said Order, HEREBY modifies the period of "90 days" to be "120 days" from the commencement of such defendant's detention if such defendant is accused of a felony.

The Courts make this Order to avoid risk to court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and the public, and specifically the March and April, 2020, grand jurors.



JUDGE STROTHER, 19th District Court



JUDGE JOHNSON, 52nd District Court

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