IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MARTIN COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Petitioner,
vs.

_____,
Defendant.
_____/

Case No.:
Judge: ELIZABETH A. METZGER

STANDING ORDER FOR ALL FELONY CASES
FILED IN JUDGE METZGER'S DIVISION

THIS ORDER APPLIES TO ALL FELONY CASES FILED IN JUDGE METZGER'S DIVISION AFTER THE DATE OF THIS ORDER

THIS CAUSE having come before the Court upon the filing of Information or Indictment, charging the Defendant with at least one felony level crime, the Court finds it is the best interest of the parties to this action and to the citizens of the State of Florida for the Court to issue this order, it is therefore ORDERED as follows**:**

1. In each case filed by the State, by either Information or Indictment, the attorney who filed the Information or who obtained the Indictment for the Office of the State Attorney or for the State-wide Prosecutor to provide to the attorney of record for the Defendant, **within 10 days after the filing of an attorney's notice of appearance,** a complete Criminal Punishment Code Scoresheet ("CPCS").

2. If the Office of the Public Defender, Office of Regional Conflict Counsel, conflict attorney is appointed in this case, or a private attorney is hired, the attorney of record is hereby required to make contact with the Defendant within 10 days of the appointment order, or notice of appearance, and to schedule and conduct a meeting within 30 days of that order or notice. A failure of the attorney of record to make contact, or if the Defendant does not make themselves available for the scheduled meeting, will not be the basis of a future postponement of the case.

3. The Office of the State Attorney is under no obligation to extend a plea offer in any case. If the State Attorney chooses to extend a plea offer to the Defense, that offer must be presented to the Defendant by the attorney for the Defendant as soon as possible, but in no circumstance beyond 30 days after it is extended.

4. The attorneys representing the State and the Defendant are required to bring the case file (or any necessary portion thereof) to court at any time the case is to be called before the Court.

5. The Office of the State Attorney has agreed to prepare proposed jury instructions. When they are prepared and supplied to the Defense, the Defense shall agree to the instructions or recommend any changes prior to the trial date. Modification to the instructions may occur, as necessary.

6. Failure to comply with this order may result in sanctions against the attorney who filed the case or the attorney of record for the Defense.

DONE AND ORDERED on this the 20th day of January, 2026 in Stuart, Martin County, Florida.

Elizabeth A. Metzger, Circuit Judge