

IN THE STATE COURT OF WORTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER FOR BONDED ARRAIGNMENT DATES

The Court is aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Georgia Supreme Court order declaring a Statewide Judicial Emergency effective through June 12, 2020. The State Court of Worth County is scheduled to have its first bonded/ arrest arraignments on June 19, 2020, after the Judicial Emergency is scheduled to expire. In an abundance of caution to minimize exposure, the Court orders the following:

FOR ALL BONDED ARRAIGNMENT DATES UNTIL THIS ORDER IS MODIFIED OR RESCINDED

1. The State Court of Worth County will conduct court at the Worth County Community Center located at 1310 North Monroe Street, Sylvester, Georgia 31791.
2. For each arraignment date, Court will begin at 8:00 a.m. Arraignments for each defendant shall be scheduled at specific times. The first 20 defendants on the arraignment calendar will be scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Court will arraign each defendant on the charge(s). From 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m., the Courtroom staff will sanitize the seating area, the podium and other areas, as needed. The next 20 defendants on the arraignment calendar will be scheduled at 10:00 a.m. The same procedure as mentioned above will be followed. Thereafter, this procedure shall continue for each successive group of 20 defendants until each defendant on the calendar is arraigned.
3. The Court encourages that only the Defendants who are charged with the offense(s) come into the Courtroom to minimize the number of people so that social distancing can be followed.
4. Defendants should remain in their vehicles until 10 minutes prior to their scheduled court time.
5. All persons, who do not reside in the same residence, both inside the courtroom and outside the courtroom, shall maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet in compliance with CDC guidelines.
6. Each person who enters and while in the courtroom must wear a mask that is compliant with the CDC guidelines and to wear latex or similar type gloves.
7. Each person who comes into the courtroom shall dress appropriately in compliance with the Order of the Superior Courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit and shall keep cell phones in vehicles
8. Clerk is directed to send notice to each Defendant in compliance with Georgia law and include a copy of this Order.

SO ORDERED this 27th day of May, 2020.


Ralph Powell, Judge
Worth County State Court

**IN THE STATE COURT OF WORTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDER FOR TRAFFIC ARRAIGNMENT DATES

The Court is aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Georgia Supreme Court order declaring a Statewide Judicial Emergency effective through June 12, 2020. The State Court of Worth County is scheduled to have its first traffic arraignment on June 16, 2020, after the Judicial Emergency is scheduled to expire. In an abundance of caution to minimize exposure, the Court orders the following:

FOR ALL TRAFFIC ARRAIGNMENT DATES UNTIL THIS ORDER IS MODIFIED OR RESCINDED

1. The State Court of Worth County will conduct court at the Worth County Community Center located at 1310 North Monroe Street, Sylvester, Georgia 31791.
2. For each arraignment date, Court will begin at 8:00 a.m. Arraignments for each Defendant shall be scheduled at specific times. The first 50 Defendants on the arraignment calendar will be scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The Court will arraign each Defendant on the charge(s). From 9 a.m. to 9:20 a.m., the Courtroom staff will sanitize the seating area, the podium and other areas as needed. The next 50 Defendants on the arraignment calendar will be scheduled at 9:30 a.m. The same procedure as mentioned above will be followed. Thereafter, this procedure shall continue for each successive group of 50 Defendants until each defendant on the calendar is arraigned.
3. Unless it is necessary to assist the Defendant (physically, mentally or due to language), the Court encourages that only the Defendants who are charged with the offense(s) come into the Courtroom to minimize the number of people in the court so that social distancing can be followed.
4. Defendants should remain in their vehicles until 10 minutes prior to their scheduled court time.
5. All persons, who do not reside in the same residence, both inside the courtroom and outside the courtroom, shall maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet in compliance with the Governor Executive Order and CDC guidelines.
6. Each person who enters and while in the Courtroom must wear a mask that is compliant with the CDC guidelines and will wear latex or similar type gloves.
7. Each person who comes into the courtroom shall dress appropriately in compliance with the Order of the Superior Courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit and shall keep cell phones in vehicles.
8. The Clerk of Court is directed to send notice to each Defendant in compliance with Georgia law and include a copy of this Order with the notice.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of May, 2020.



Ralph Powell, Judge
Worth County State Court