

IN THE STATE COURT OF ROCKDALE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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ORDER GRANTING RELIEF FROM STATUTORY SPEEDY TRIAL
REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62(b)

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62(b), based upon the certification attached hereto and incorporated herein as "Exhibit A – Certification," the requirements for filing the statutory speedy trial demand imposed by O.C.G.A. §§ 17-7-170 and 17-7-171 are hereby reinstated effective July 1, 2021. The time constraints to bring a case to trial imposed by O.C.G.A. §§ 17-7-170 and 17-7-171 will remain tolled in the State Court of Rockdale County within the Rockdale Judicial Circuit.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62(b)(9), an order granting relief from statutory speedy trial requirements following a judicial emergency shall not exceed a total of eight months and shall end on the last day of a term of court, and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62(b)(13), no such order shall issue after June 30, 2023. Accordingly, this Order shall become effective at the beginning of the July term on the 1st day of July, 2021, and it shall terminate on the 31st day of December, 2021, a date that is: (1) not more than eight months from the date it is entered; and (2) the last day of a term of the State Court of Rockdale County, unless statutory speedy trial requirements are reinstated by the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62(b)(11). Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62(b)(12), nothing in this Order shall relieve the State of its constitutional obligation to provide for a speedy and public criminal trial.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this Order shall be filed with the Clerk of State Court in Rockdale County to be filed in the General Docket. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63(1)-(2), it is further **ORDERED** that a copy of this Order be immediately served by e-mail upon the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, the Judges and clerks of all courts in this county, the Clerk of the Georgia Court of Appeals, and the Clerk of the Georgia Supreme Court. Further, it is **ORDERED** that notice of the issuance of this Order be given to the affected parties, counsel for

the affected parties, and the public in a manner that meets the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63(3) and specifically as follows: (1) Publication in the Rockdale Citizen, the legal organ for Rockdale County; (2) Posting in the public area of the office of the Rockdale County Clerk of State Court; (3) Email to the Rockdale County Bar Association for distribution to all members; and (4) Email to the Rockdale County District Attorney, the Rockdale County Public Defender, and the Rockdale County Sheriff.

SO **ORDERED** this 30th day of June, 2021.



Clarence Cuthpert, Jr., Chief Judge
Rockdale County State Court
Rockdale Judicial Circuit