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CLERK OF THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE, TN

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**IN RE:
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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GENERAL ORDER: 01/15/2021-2

GENERAL SESSIONS JUDICIARY

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Tennessee Supreme Court Order of March 13, 2020 and the continuing orders of March 25, 2020 and May 26, 2020 suspending in-person court proceedings and of November 17, 2020 suspending jury trials through January 31, 2021, and with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s expectation that January will be the worst month to date of the COVID pandemic, the Knox County General Sessions Court Judges hereby issue the following ORDER: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4, 2021:

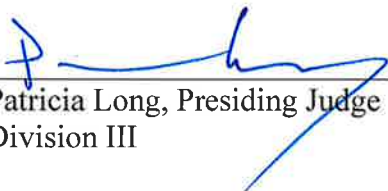
1. Bonded Arraignment Court will continue for those individuals who are present for booking. No attachments for failure to appear will issue through January 2021.
2. All jail cases – including felonies, misdemeanors, and DUIs – set for January preliminary hearings will be scheduled in the General Sessions, Division I Courtroom at 8:30 a.m. Those inmates will be transported to the City-County Building.
3. All jail cases with OTR settings will be docketed in the General Sessions Division III Courtroom. Attorneys will appear either in-person or by

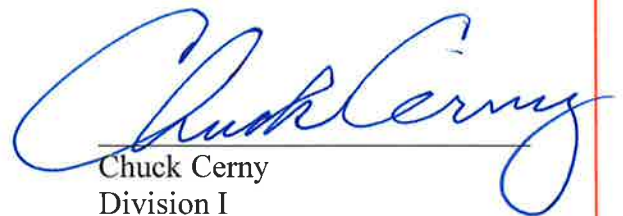
TEAMS. As the technology becomes available, those cases will transition from in-court to remote video proceedings. This includes cases for plea agreements.


4. Attorneys shall reset all non-jail January cases by email notification to the Knox County Sessions Clerk's Office, Criminal Division. All cases that have not been reset as of January 15, 2021 will be reset by the Court. Defense attorneys shall notify their clients of the new court date. Resets should comply with COVID-capacity dockets and be scheduled no sooner than February 8, 2021.

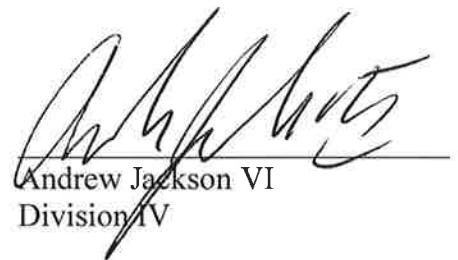
This Order is subject to revision without further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Patricia Long, Presiding Judge
Division III


Chuck Cerny
Division I


Geoffrey Emery
Division II


Andrew Jackson VI
Division IV


Tony Stansberry
Division V

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