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Little Rock District Court
First Division
Pulaski County

**MEDIA ADVISORY TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020:
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT COURT-1ST DIV. CRIMINAL
UPDATED DUE TO CLOSURE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
OF LITTLE ROCK BUILDINGS**

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Little Rock District Court-1st Div. Criminal will continue to operate its essential court functions. We are working in cooperation with the City of Little Rock during this critical time. We realize this is an evolving situation. We will continue to follow the Arkansas Supreme Court's recommendations on how to honor our obligation under the United States and Arkansas Constitutions to conduct open court proceedings. Before the court session begins each day, we will post on the courthouse door at 600 W. Markham a method of contacting the Court, so as to view the proceedings. These proceedings usually will be conducted by video link with the jail. No unauthorized personnel are allowed to enter secure and restricted areas. The docket will be maintained daily, keeping a record of all actions.

Jail Docket: Jail docket for in-custody Pulaski County Jail inmates will be conducted Monday through Friday. A Saturday jail docket is conducted by an on-call District Court Judge. When the LRDC Courthouse is closed to the public, LRDC Criminal's court personnel will conduct the daily jail docket and any other essential business with counsel. Any private attorney is welcome to contact the court beforehand at (501)-371-4739. Counsel should also contact the Court (during working hours), for essential contact information, in case the Court should become closed. The jail docket will continue to be conducted by video.

Other Cases/Misc.: There will be no trials or in-court hearings until after May 16, 2020. Most all, including arraignments and reports, will be set or reset beyond that date.

Notices will be given/sent by Court personnel. The Court will be also be in communication with those represented by counsel regarding pending cases. Reset dates for all will be given for: First appearances on a misdemeanor (defendant may enter a NG plea by and through his/her attorney, trial date to be given), first appearances on a felony (defendant may enter a NG plea by and through his/her attorney, felony review date to be given), requests for new pass to file review dates (new review date to be given), new report dates, new trial dates, and any other dates as necessary. Other actions may be taken, after consultation with the Court and attorneys. Counsel may do all of the above by phone to the Court during normal working hours. The Court will be in contact with witnesses currently under subpoena.

All persons who are on the docket, parties who may be subpoenaed, citizens, attorneys, etc., may contact the Court during working hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m., M-F), (501)-371-4739, to inquire about cases, filing of any motions, requests for records, payment of fines/costs, probation reporting, resetting of cases, or by emailing the Court at: LRcriminalcourt@littlerock.gov