

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE,)	
)	
<i>Plaintiff,</i>)	SECOND DIVISION
)	
vs.)	
)	NO(s).
_____)	
)	
<i>Defendant.</i>)	

**PRE-TRIAL ORDER FOLLOWING PASSING OF
PLEA AGREEMENT NOTICE DEADLINE**

This cause came before the Court upon status of this matter. The parties in this case have completed discovery and have filed, or have had the opportunity to file, all motions required to be filed prior to trial by Tenn. R. Crim. P. 12(b). In addition, the previously established plea agreement deadline has passed in this case.

As such, the case is now ripe for resolution by trial. Upon the agreement of the parties and other good cause shown, the Court hereby orders as follows pursuant to Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure 12(c) and 50(a), as well as Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 1:¹

I. INTERIM DISPOSITION DATE:

This case shall be scheduled for a status conference and possible disposition on **[date]**.

¹ See L. R. Crim. P. 1 (“A judge may . . . enter a scheduling order in a particular case that sets deadlines other than those set forth herein.”).

II. TRIAL DATE:

The trial of this case shall be before a jury and shall start at 9:00 a.m. on **[date]**, or as reasonably thereafter on that day as a jury may be empanelled.

1. **If Other Cases Are Set For Trial:** If other cases are set for trial in this Division on the same day as the trial of this case, the parties are on notice that, pursuant to Tenn. R. Crim. P. 50(b)(2), the trial of this case may be deferred if the other cases involve defendants who are in custody, whose pretrial liberty presents special risks, or whose cases have lower docket numbers.
2. **Continuances:** The parties may not, by agreement, cancel the trial date set forth in this order, and a continuance may be granted only by the Court upon good cause shown. Whether absence of a witness constitutes such good cause depends on compliance with provisions of Tenn. R. Crim. P. 17 regarding subpoenas. The parties are requested to notify the Court in advance of trial if intervention by this Court is necessary to secure witness attendance. Otherwise, witnesses will be expected to be available when called.
3. **Resolution Prior to Trial:** If the parties reach a settlement of this cause, the parties shall notify the Court as soon as practicable before the trial dates. Otherwise, pursuant to Local Rule 4, if this case is not resolved prior to the trial date, then the case may be resolved *only* upon trial; upon the State's motion for dismissal with prejudice; or upon the Defendant's plea of guilty to the charge(s).
4. **Effect of a Continuance:** Unless the Court orders otherwise, the continuance of a trial setting—whether because of a conflicting trial or for other reasons—will not extend any previously expired deadlines.

III. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE:

Pursuant to Tenn. R. Crim. P. 17.1(a), the Court will hold a pretrial conference in this case on **[date]**. At this conference, the Court respectfully requests that the parties be prepared to discuss the following topics and issues:

1. any issues relating to outstanding discovery;
2. anticipated evidentiary issues, including especially any evidence requiring a jury-out hearing for its admission, such as evidence subject to Tenn. R. Evid. 404(b); 405; 412; 608; 609; 804(b)(6); or other law;
3. challenges to the qualification or testimony of any witness called to testify pursuant to Tenn. R. Evid. 702 or 703;
4. stipulations as to facts about which there are, or can be, no dispute; and marking for identification various documents and other exhibits of the parties;
5. issues related to co-defendants, if applicable, including (i) excision from admissible statements of material prejudicial to a co-defendant; (ii) procedure on objections where there are multiple counsel; (iii) order of cross-examination where there are multiple defendants; and (iv) order of presentation of evidence and arguments where there are multiple defendants;
6. issues relating to jury selection, including the conduct of voir dire and the number and use of peremptory challenges;
7. possible special requests for jury instructions; and
8. any other issue affecting the trial of this case or evidence to be presented at the trial of this case.

IV. MOTIONS:

The parties have filed, or have had the opportunity to file, all motions required to be filed prior to trial by Tenn. R. Crim. P. 12(b). Accordingly, pursuant to Tenn. R. Crim. P. 12(c),² the following pretrial motions shall be filed on or before **[date]**:

1. motions *in limine* or other motions requiring an evidentiary hearing outside of the presence of a jury, including motions made pursuant to Tenn. R. Evid. 404(b); 405; 412; 608; 609; 804(b)(6); motions seeking introduction of hearsay statements of a child declarant; or under other law;
2. motions challenging the qualifications or testimony of any expert witness pursuant to Tenn. R. Evid. 702 and 703;
3. motions relating to witnesses; and
4. motions otherwise affecting the trial of this case.

Absent other orders, the Criminal Court Clerk is requested to docket all motions filed in this cause for the pretrial conference, and the Court intends that no motion filed will appear on the docket prior to that time. However, if a party requests a hearing date prior to the final pretrial conference, the Court will certainly accommodate the request.

On the day of the final pretrial conference, the Court anticipates resolving all motions not requiring an evidentiary hearing. However, if any motions require the holding of an evidentiary hearing, the Court will schedule a separate hearing date for the disposition of such motions.³

² See Tenn. R. Crim. P. 12(c) (“Unless otherwise provided by local rule, the court may—at the arraignment or as soon afterward as practicable—set a deadline for the parties to make pretrial motions or requests and may also schedule a motion hearing.”).

³ Absent good cause shown for any delay, motions subject to this order that are filed after this date shall not be heard or granted without the consent of the other party. See Tenn. R. Crim. P. 12(f).

V. NOTICES OF CONVICTION:

The State shall file all notices relating to convictions to be used for impeachment purposes pursuant to Tenn. R. Evid. 609, or that may affect a possible sentence pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-202, on or before the date established for the pretrial conference. If issues exist involving the admissibility of prior convictions, the Court will address these issues at the pretrial conference.

VI. NOTICE OF INTENT TO PLEA TO CHARGES:

Because the plea agreement notice deadline has passed, the Court will no longer consider a negotiated resolution of this case by plea unless the interests of justice would otherwise require. Of course, the Court will accept a plea as to guilt (or no contest) to all of the charges contained in the indictment(s), with sentencing to be conducted by the Court. If the parties wish to resolve the case in this manner, the Court requests that notice of such be filed on or before the **Thursday** immediately preceding the trial date. If no such notice is filed, then the Court will notify the other parties appearing on the docket(s) of the trial and will proceed to trial as scheduled herein.

VII. REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS:

The parties are requested to file any special requests for jury instructions no later than the day before trial.

It is so ordered.

Enter, this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

TOM GREENHOLTZ, Judge