

COLLIN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NUMBER TWO
STANDING ORDER #8: REQUESTS TO REDACT VIDEOTAPES

Collin County Court at Law #2 issues Standing Order No. #8 regarding requests to redact videotapes. If a case is set for jury trial, the Defendant and/or the Defendant's Attorney shall notify the Assistant District Attorney in writing (fax, email, or letter) and copy this Court with any requested redactions of any videotapes. The writing shall state the Defendant's Name, Cause Number, and include the time stamp to begin each redaction and the time stamp to stop each redaction, along with a brief explanation of the reason for the desired redaction.

The notice shall be sent not later than ten (10) days after the first trial setting notice. If the District Attorney's Office does not object to the requested redactions within ten (10) days of presumed receipt of the notice with specific objections to the requested redactions (not a general objection), the redactions shall be considered Ordered without further action of this Court.

A notice by letter is presumed to have been received three (3) days after it was mailed. An email or facsimile is presumed to have been received the same day it is sent. An email shall contain in the subject matter line in all caps "NOTICE OF REQUESTED VIDEO REDACTIONS" or something very similar to ensure notice is given. If notice is given by email, it should be copied to each member of the District Attorney's trial team that is assigned to Court at Law #2 so ensure actual notice is likely.

If the District Attorney's Office objects to any of the requested redactions, a written specific objection shall be filed and the objection will be considered at the pre-trial hearing. The Defendant or his/her attorney shall notify this Court at the pre-trial hearing that they have requested redactions, that the State has objected to some or all of those requests, and that a hearing is needed.

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Failure to timely request a redaction that complies with this Standing Order, and/or failure to request a hearing when the State objects to the requested redactions, will constitute a waiver of objections by the Defendant.

So Ordered this 1st day of October 2021.



Barnett Walker Jr.

Judge, Collin County Court at Law #2