

COLLIN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NUMBER 5
REVISED STANDING ORDER NO. 3: CRIMINAL DOCKET CONTROL

The County Court at Law 5 issues Standing Order No. 3 regarding criminal docket control. Defendants will now be ordered to appear at all settings (but there will be fewer settings).

Docket: Docket will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday of each week. At 11:30 a.m., no more paperwork for pleas will be accepted for that morning. Anyone not appearing on that day within that timeframe will be treated as if they did not appear. If your client does not appear, his or her bond may be forfeited immediately. If you let the court coordinator know in advance you have a conflict, your matter may be reset for the following day. You may also pass the case in advance.

First Appearance and Plea Settings: From the date the attorney first makes an appearance in the case, the case will be passed out approximately 90 days for the "Plea Setting." The State should provide an initial plea offer at the First Appearance. The attorney and the client must appear at this setting. In that first 90 days, the attorney is expected to obtain discovery from the prosecution, negotiate a plea agreement and be prepared on that setting to plea the case or set it for trial. In other words, handle the case by phone, email or in person with the prosecutor. Prosecutor email addresses are located on the DA website (www.collincountyda.com). You should also tell your client that you need to be paid in full within that time.

Plea Setting: At the Plea Setting, you must be prepared to plea the case or set it for trial. You can plea the case at any time prior to the Plea Setting by notifying the prosecutor and the court of your intent so that it can be placed on our docket and the ADA will have their file. Once a case is set for trial, you may still plea it up to the Arraignment date. After the Arraignment setting, pleas are unlikely to be accepted unless there are special circumstances to justify the case not being pled out earlier. Client must be present at all settings. If the client does not appear at the Plea Setting, his or her bond may be forfeited immediately. We will not give one week for him or her to appear.

Effective date: This order is to become effective on April 3, 2023 and applies to all cases with informations, petitions to adjudicate or motions to revoke file marked on or after that date.

So ORDERED March 31, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Johnson", written over a horizontal line.

RANDY JOHNSON, Judge Presiding
COUNTY COURT AT LAW 5