

COLLIN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NUMBER SIX
STANDING ORDER NO. 1: REDACTING OF VIDEOS

The County Court at Law No. Six issues Standing Order No. 1 regarding the redacting of 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 the court with any desired redactions of any relevant videotapes. The writing shall state the time stamp to begin each redaction and the time stamp to stop each redaction, with a very brief explanation of the reason for the desired redaction. The notice shall be sent within ten (10) days of the trial setting notice. If the district attorney's office does not object to the 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. If the district attorney's office objects to any of the desired redactions, a written specific objection shall be filed and the objection will be considered at the pre-trial hearing. 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 should contain in the subject matter line in all caps "NOTICE OF DESIRED 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 trial team assigned to this court so that actual notice is likely. Failure to timely request a redaction of the video will result in such objection being waived.

This Order amends the previous standing order by extending the time for the redactions to be requested and requiring a specific objection by the State.

So Ordered this 1st day of January, 2016.



Jay A. Bender
Judge Presiding
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