

CAUSE NO. 296-83565-2025

THE STATE OF TEXAS

v.

KARMELO ANTHONY, Defendant

IN THE 296TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, COLLIN COUNTY, TX

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO RECUSE

THE HONORABLE JOHN R. ROACH, JR.

On this day the Court heard Defendant's Motion to Recuse the Honorable John R. Roach, Jr., Judge of the 296th Judicial District Court of Collin County, Texas, referred to the undersigned under Tex. R. Civ. P. 18a(f)(1)(B) and (g) and Tex. Gov't Code § 74.059(c)(3). Both parties appeared through counsel of record.

Having considered the Motion, the record, and the argument of counsel, the Court finds:

1. Defendant timely filed the Motion to Recuse on July 7, 2026, in compliance with Tex. R. Civ. P. 18a(a)-(c), and the respondent judge did not recuse himself, but referred the Motion for determination.
2. Grounds requiring recusal exist under Tex. R. Civ. P. 18b(b)(1), in that the evidence adduced at the hearing is such that the respondent judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

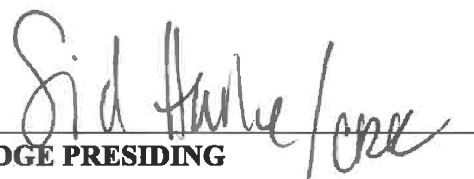
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Recuse is GRANTED, and the Honorable John R. Roach, Jr. is RECUSED from all further proceedings in this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this cause, together with all motions pending herein, is REFERRED BACK to the Presiding Judge of the First Administrative Judicial Region for assignment, on an expedited basis, of another judge to preside over all further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the District Clerk file this Order in the papers of this cause and forward a copy to the Presiding Judge of the First Administrative Judicial Region.

SIGNED this 19 day of August, 2026.

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Michael Gould
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Collin County, Texas
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JUDGE PRESIDING
Hon. Sid Harle, Judge Assigned

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