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RE: Office of Court Administration's COVID-19 Update # 19; In-Person Hearings

Dear Counsel,

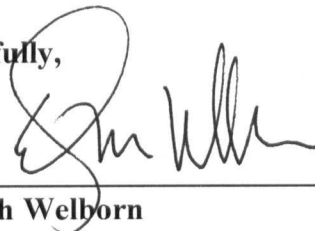
Please be advised until further notice all Criminal Pre-Trial hearings in San Patricio County Court at Law will be conducted by Lifesize Video Conferencing only. At the time of the Pre-Trial hearing, the Court will inquire as to the following:

- (1) have you requested and received discovery in regards to case;
- (2) have you filed any evidentiary motions that require a hearing; and
- (3) if you are not pleading the case on the day of your scheduled Pre-Trial, what are you requesting the matter be set for, and set for: subsequent Pre-Trial, Bench Trial, Jury Trial, or a Plea Date.

If you are unable to make the scheduled court date, please fill out and e-file 72 hours prior to court date the attached form. If you fail to submit such form, then both you and your client's appearance will be required via Lifesize and failure to appear will result in a warrant being issued for your client's arrest.

Additionally, any attorney representing a Defendant set for a Bond Returnable will not be allowed to appear in person and shall submit to the Court via e-file a Notice of Appearance of Counsel and Waiver of Arraignment. If such documents are filed 72 hours prior to the scheduled court date, then the appearance of the Defendant will be waived.

Respectfully,



Elizabeth Welborn