

STATE OF ALABAMA     )     IN THE CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY     )     OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 4**

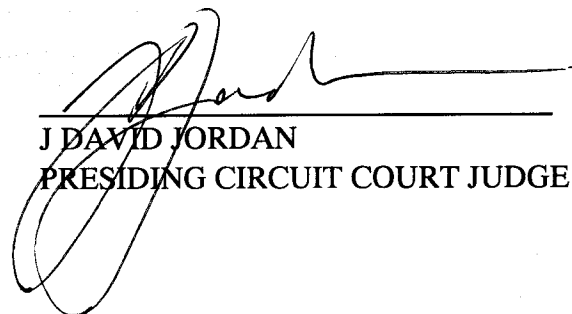
The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has currently classified Escambia County as a “very high risk county” for the spread of Covid-19. The seven (7) day average for new cases of Covid-19 in Escambia County has rapidly increased, and stands at 21.14 as of this date.

The Circuit Court of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit had previously set a docket styled “Status Call-Criminal Docket (Sept. Term) to be called on Thursday, July 9, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Based on the current status of the pandemic specific to Escambia County the Circuit Court for the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit makes the following order.

The status docket referenced above will NOT BE CALLED as scheduled. Instead the parties in all cases set for that docket should file with the Court a status report simply indicating whether, in that party’s opinion, a specific case is ready to be set for trial or not in the September 2020 jury term. The Court will then decide what cases shall be set for trial in the September term of court set for September 14 – 25, 2020.

This Order should not be misinterpreted to mean definitively that jury trials will be held in said jury term. The status of that jury term, as well as jury trials in general in the state of Alabama, remains in question due to the pandemic. At this time the Circuit courts of this state are not allowed to summon potential jurors for court by Order of the Supreme Court of Alabama. Parties to cases set for trial in the September 2020 jury term of court should be aware of any and all orders entered by the Circuit Court of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit concerning same.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
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J DAVID JORDAN  
PRESIDING CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE