



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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NEWS RELEASE

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Presiding Judge

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SUBJECT: Amended Order re: Criminal Trials and Pretrial Assignments

Sacramento, CA - Presiding Judge Russell L. Hom issued a modification to the 12/8/2020 **Order Regarding Criminal Trials and Pretrial Assignments** to clarify when trial readiness conferences should be set in relation to the trial date. In summary, a case set for trial must also set a trial readiness conference on the week before the trial date on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday or Friday. For example, if the trial is set for 1/11/2021, the trial readiness conference must be set on the afternoon of January 6, the morning or afternoon on January 7, or the morning or afternoon on January 8. No other changes have been made to 12/8/2020 order. This is the same requirement that existed in the 9/14/20 order and a practice that has essentially been in place since June.

It has been brought to the Court's attention that there is some confusion about the changes being made to Criminal Trials and Pretrial Assignments in 2021. To assist you, here are the changes in summary, all of which go into effect on 1/4/2021:

1. The Court will require that attorneys report their readiness for all trials and pretrial matters set in Dept. 9 by using the Court's Criminal Readiness Notification System. If counsel miss the deadline to check in or the Readiness Notification System is down due to technical problems, counsel may send their readiness notification by email as follows:

- For preliminary hearings and other matters on the 8:30 calendar:
Dept9@saccourt.ca.gov
- For trials: MasterCalendar@saccourt.ca.gov

However, staff is instructed to direct counsel back to the Readiness Notification System if the check in window is still open and the system is operational.

2. The Criminal Readiness Notification System will have a narrower window in which calendars will be posted and available for check in.
 - For preliminary hearings and other matters on the 8:30 calendar, the window will be the 24 hour period before the noon check in deadline.
 - For trials, the window will open by noon on the Wednesday before the check in deadline.