

County Court 7 Guidelines

Pretrial Conference Settings: There are a total of four pretrial conference settings permitted for discovery purposes. Defense counsel can appear on behalf of defendant, however, both defendant and defense counsel must appear together on the fourth pretrial conference setting.

Pretrial with Witness Settings: The Court will consider a pretrial with witness setting if motions have been filed. Once a case is given a pretrial with witness setting, announcements of ready or not ready must be made no later than 10 AM. The defendant and defense counsel must be present.

Plea Settings: The defendant and defense counsel must be present for these settings.

Trial by Court (TBC): Announcements of ready or not ready must be made no later than 10 AM. The defendant and defense counsel must be present.

APR: Reset requests are not granted, unless first approved by probation officer and/or the Court. The defendant and defense counsel must be present for these settings.

Jury: Announcements of ready or not ready must be made no later than 10 AM. Prior to putting any case on the jury docket, the case should have an offer from the State and offer is placed on the record before the Court. The defendant and defense counsel must be present.

Jail Docket filed and unfiled: Resets are done with Court Bailiff Chad Cauthen in person or via email chad.cauthen@traviscountytexas.gov

Bond Review Settings: Resets are done with Court Bailiff Chad Cauthen in person and will not be reset more than 3 business days unless approved by the Court.

RESETS: Reset requests for more than one month away are not granted, unless first approved by the Court. Resets on or to PTRW, TBCW & Jury are approved after a motion for continuance is presented and approved by the Court.

*If another Judge signs a bond, BFSAs, or recall card, defense counsel must get a court date from the Court 7 staff or leave a copy on the Court 7 Coordinator's or the Court 7 Bailiff's desks.