

**IN THE 12<sup>th</sup> and 506<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS  
AND THE GRIMES COUNTY COURT AT LAW  
GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS**

**JAIL INMATE BOND REVIEW PROCEDURES IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 EMERGENCY**


In accordance with Orders of the Supreme Court of Texas and The Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (the "SCT/CCA Order") issued on March 13, 2020, on behalf of the Trial Courts of Grimes County, Texas, the 506<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge, as the Local Administrative Judge of Grimes County, hereby enters the following emergency orders pertaining to review of Grimes County Jail inmates regarding bail bonds, and modifying or reducing of same to reduce the inmate population of the Grimes County Jail. This order applies to all felony and misdemeanor cases, whether indicted or not indicted, and is intended to provide flexibility to modify proceedings as necessary to address the disaster.

1. This Order is in conformity with the recommendation of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to reduce the jail population where possible to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in the jail.
2. All attorneys, both state and defense, receiving this Order shall confirm via email to the appropriate Trial Court Judge that they have received and read this Order.
3. All defense attorneys, whether retained or appointed, with clients who are inmates in the Grimes County Jail, shall, no later than 3:00 o'clock p.m. on March 24, 2020, initiate contact with the appropriate Assistant District Attorney to discuss current bond amounts on each respective inmate. Contact may be made via telephone, email, text, or other social media. Face-to-face contact is discouraged.
4. All state's attorneys are directed to respond to such contact in a manner and in a time as expeditiously as possible to accomplish the requirements of this Order. If a state's attorney knows of a represented inmate and no contact has been received by the defense attorney, the state's attorney is encouraged to initiate contact.
5. Counsel for the state and the defense shall negotiate in good faith to determine if a bond amount and appropriate bond conditions can be agreed upon. If an agreement is reached, the parties will notify the Trial Court via email or telephone of the terms of the agreement and the Trial Court will prepare and issue the appropriate bond orders or modifications.
6. In the event no agreement can be reached the parties shall notify the Trial Court and

a 3-way telephonic hearing, not on the record, will be had between the State, the Defense, and the Trial Court. In the event a resolution is reached, the Trial Court will prepare and issue the appropriate bond orders. In the event a resolution is not reached, see item #7., below.

7. In the event a satisfactory resolution is not reached, the Defense may file a motion for bond reduction or modification. Any motion for bond reduction or modification shall be efiled with the Trial Court Clerk no later than March 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., under a Notice of Submission of such Motion for consideration by the Trial Court on or after 9:00 o'clock a.m., March 31, 2020. In accordance with the SCT/CCA Orders, the parties shall include in their submission and responses to the Trial Court any testimonial affidavits and legal briefs they deem appropriate to the matters at hand, such affidavits and briefs to be efiled and accepted prior to the date and time of submission.
8. The Office of the District Clerk, the County Clerk, and the Jail Division staff of the Grimes County Jail are requested to assist with information as necessary to accomplish the requirements of this Order.
9. Nothing in this Order shall require either the State, the Defense, or the Trial Court, to agree to reduce or modify a bond if the situation does not warrant it. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit or circumvent the constitutional rights of any person.
10. This Order may be extended or modified by written Order of this Court, or any Grimes County Trial Court, without notice. Any such extension or modification shall be posted with the appropriate Clerk, and posted on the Trial Court's website.
11. This Order is effective upon entry, and expires May 8, 2020, unless extended by the Court.

Signed and entered March 20, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

  
ALBERT M. McCAIG, JR.  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE