

HEARINGS AND TRIALS:
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. A case set for **Jury Trial** will also be set for **Docket Call** and a **Pre-Trial Hearing** under Article 28.01 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Docket Call will be scheduled 10 days prior to the date of the Jury Trial.

At Docket Call, the order of cases to be tried will be established. Cases may not be released from the Jury Trial setting at the Docket Call depending on the number and type of cases set.

2. **Pre-Trial Hearing.** Agreement on motions or parts of motions is strongly encouraged. **The Court will not hear motions on the day of the Jury Trial without obtaining prior leave of the Court.** The Court reserves the right to hear testimony of child witnesses, outcry witnesses or other witness testimony that raises a confrontation issue after jury selection.
3. The State of Texas and the Defense are encouraged to exchange or view exhibits prior to the hearing or trial whenever possible. The State of Texas and the Defense are directed to produce a Witness List and Exhibit List to the Court Reporter by 5 p.m. on the Friday before Trial.
 - a. **WITNESS LIST.** The Witness List is located on the Court's website at www.dentoncounty.gov/462 under Pre-Trial and should be submitted to the Court Reporter at Marsha.Bretches@dentoncounty.gov .
 - b. **DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS.** An Exhibit List is located on the Court's website at www.dentoncounty.gov/462 under Pre-Trial and should be submitted to the Court Reporter at Marsha.Bretches@dentoncounty.gov .
4. You may contact the Cami Thompson, Court Administrator on the Friday prior to Jury Trial to determine your position on the docket for the following Monday.