

**RULE 39-300 Business of the Court**

With respect to the Franklin County Branch, criminal cases shall be listed for trial as follows:

(A) On the Monday at least two weeks prior to each criminal trial term, each defendant who is free on bond and whose case is listed for that term of court, shall appear, with their attorney, for a preliminary call of the court list at which time the court will entertain motions, pleas, and any other appropriate matters. Defendants whose cases are not disposed of on that date will be required to appear for jury selection on the first day of the trial term.

(B) On the Friday at least two weeks prior to each criminal term, all incarcerated defendants shall be transported to and appear in court for purposes of conducting the preliminary call of the list as outlined in paragraph (A).

(C) All defendants, at the time of the mandatory arraignment or waiver thereof, will be notified in writing of their obligation to appear as set forth in paragraphs (A) and (B). Failure to appear shall result in the issuance of a bench warrant for the arrest and detention of the defendant.

(D) In the event either of the court appearances required in Paragraphs (A) or (B) falls on a recognized holiday, the Court Administrator shall designate the date on which the defendant shall appear. The defendant shall be notified of said date as set forth in paragraph (C).

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