

**D.C. SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DIVISION
NOTICE OF EXPANSION OF DETAINED JURY TRIALS**

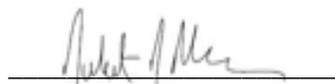
On January 15, 2021, the Criminal Division provided sixty-day notice of the intent to resume jury trials in Felony 2 cases previously set for trial in which the defendant is detained, after receiving authorization from the Mayor's Office and the D.C. Department of Health to proceed with a limited number of jury trials in two courtrooms. Jury trials resumed in April 2021.

Scheduling or trial readiness hearings have been conducted in all detained Felony cases previously set for trial in 2020 and continued due to the COVID-19 pandemic and declaration of public health emergency, to include Felony 1, Felony 2 and Felony 3 cases. In all such cases, a trial date has been set, the case has been disposed of through plea agreement or dismissal by the government, or a continued status hearing has been set upon the affirmative request of defense counsel and declination to set a trial readiness hearing or trial date.

On May 10, 2021, the District of Columbia announced that capacity and other restrictions required by the public health emergency would be lifted on May 21, with additional restrictions to be lifted on June 11, given that COVID-19 health metrics continue to trend in the right direction throughout the city. In light of this, the Criminal Division will immediately open two additional jury trial courtrooms dedicated to detained cases in which trial dates may be set on or after August 9, 2021 and a third additional courtroom in which trial dates may be set on or after September 7, 2021. The Criminal Division will be seeking to advance trial dates in those cases in which later trial dates have been set, as well as to set trial dates in those cases not previously set for trial in which the defendant is detained pursuant to D.C. Code §23-1322(b) or D.C. Code §23-1329(a), to include felony and jury demandable misdemeanor and domestic violence cases. Trial dates may be set upon 30-day notice.

The Criminal Division has undertaken to identify all pretrial detained cases and has prioritized, to the extent practicable, the setting of status and trial readiness hearings in such cases based upon length and statutory basis of detention. These cases will proceed forward in remote Courtroom 314 or 321 and will not be continued further, absent a joint request from both parties. However, if counsel is aware of a case in which the defendant is detained and no future remote hearing has been set, or is requesting to set an earlier trial date in a detained jury demandable misdemeanor or domestic violence case, counsel is directed to contact Angela Lee, Criminal Division Attorney Advisor, at Angela.Lee@dcsc.gov and provide the defendant's name, case numbers of all matters in which defendant is detained, PDID or DCDC number, lead charge(s), and three mutually available dates for a scheduling hearing.

SO ORDERED this 27th date of May, 2021.



Juliet J. McKenna
Presiding Judge, Criminal Division



Danya A. Dayson
Deputy Presiding Judge, Criminal Division