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[pwcbbar] PWC GDC Matters Involving Incarcerated Defendants

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I am writing to clarify what's happening with cases involving incarcerated defendants in Prince William County General District Court.

The court continues to hear arraignments and bond motions daily in Courtroom 2 for incarcerated defendants. The attorney of the day is still expected to appear on their assigned day and should seek their own replacement if they find they can or should not appear in court on their assigned day.

If your client has a preliminary hearing or trial scheduled between now and April 3rd their case will be automatically continued to a date outside of the SCOVA mandated court closure period. There will be no trials or preliminary hearings heard before April 6, 2020. The court will, however, permit your client's matter to be docketed for a 1:30 pm docket provided you give the court and Commonwealth notice prior to 3:00 pm the business day before your clients scheduled trial/preliminary hearing date.

The Commonwealth will not be required to bring witnesses, including the arresting officer, to the 1:30 pm docket and counsel should request placement on this docket only if they have an agreed disposition of the case in place or they believe disposition without witnesses being present is likely and would result in the probable release of their incarcerated client.

If you have a client you believe would benefit from placement on the 1:30 pm docket you can email the court, copying the Commonwealth with the following language: "Please move my case(s) for Defendant, an incarcerated defendant, presently docketed for Date at Time to Date at 1:30 pm for agreed/possible agreed resolution in case number(s): GX-#####"

I hope this provides some clarity regarding the current docketing protocol.

Be well.

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