

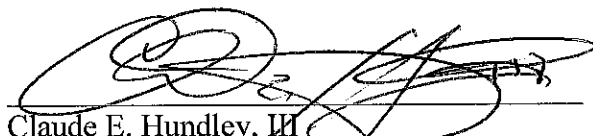
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CRIMINAL DIVISION**

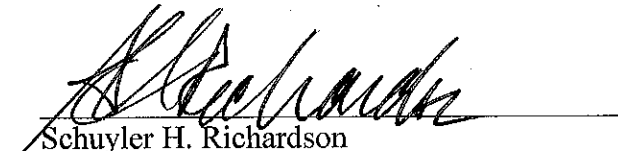
**STANDING ORDER OF COURT**


It appearing to the District Court Judges of Madison County, Alabama that the caseload of the District Court Criminal Division of this county has grown substantially over the past few years, and that the total caseload of the District Court required five (5) District Court judges, whereas we have only four (4) judges to handle this caseload.


It also appearing to this Court that the requirement of Rule 5.1(c), *Alabama Rule of Criminal Procedure*, that a preliminary hearing commence within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the demand for such hearing is not feasible nor practical based on the workload of this Court. It is, therefore, ORDERED and DECREED by this Court in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5.1(d), *Alabama Rule of Criminal Procedure*, that circumstances exist that justify delay and that preliminary hearings be generally postponed until such regularly scheduled preliminary docket date that is available based on the specifications of each District Court judge as to the number of cases each is able to handle on that court date, even when the date of the hearing exceeds the twenty-one (21) day limit of said Rule 5.1(c).

**DONE and ORDERED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015

  
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Claude E. Hundley, III  
Presiding District Court Judge

  
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Schuyler H. Richardson  
District Court Judge

  
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Linda F. Coats  
District Court Judge

  
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Patricia Dunn Demos  
District Court Judge