IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ORDER ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENT TO CONFER PRIOR TO PRETRIAL FOR CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISON 10

In order to facilitate the handling of a criminal trial division docket in an effective and efficient manner, it is necessary that there be communication between the Assistant State

Attorney and the attorney for the defendant. For this communication to have an effect, it must occur at a relevant time in order to resolve issues and potentially resolve the case prior to a panel of citizens being called to the courtroom for a trial. In considering what a relevant time would be, I have taken into account the workload of the attorneys for the parties as well as the need to prepare for trial or resolution.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

The parties (attorneys for the State of Florida and defense) shall meet in person, by video, telephonically, or electronically via email at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled pretrial hearing for all cases set at that hearing and discuss all cases they are assigned to represent parties therein. The discussion shall include, at a minimum, all unresolved discovery issues and plea offers. Further, all defense attorneys shall meet with their clients, either in person or electronically, and relate the plea offer and discuss the plea offer.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Orlando, Orange County, Florida this 3rd day of January 2024.

VINCENT FALCONE III
Circuit Court Judge

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