

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 DIVISION 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, either 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 13th day of April, 2021.



eSigned by Mark Blechman 04/13/2021 15:10:07 PX-JYA0E

MARK S. BLECHMAN
Circuit Court Judge