

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE NO. 02-07

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 17-8-1; Cuzzort v. State, 271 Ga. 464 (1999); and U.S.C.R. 32.1 and 32.2, the undersigned judges of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit hereby order, authorize, and direct the District Attorney of Forsyth County to prepare criminal trial calendars which shall be reflective of and consistent with the then-pending criminal docket of the Forsyth County Superior Court. The District Attorney shall prepare a priority list from the jury calendar. The cases thereon shall be called in the order in which they stand on the jury calendar as of the date of the calendar call unless the defendant is in jail or otherwise in the sound discretion of the Court. The call of the calendars so prepared shall be subject to announcements of ready for trial by the State and/or the defendant(s) and/or as otherwise directed by the Court. No case shall be postponed or removed from the calendar except by the leave of the Court. The cases on the priority list are required to attend a subsequent calendar call on the Friday before trial week to determine whether the case will be closed with a negotiated plea or proceed to trial.

Further, the District Attorney, as designee herein, shall deliver copies of the calendars so prepared to the clerk of court, and shall give notice in person or by mail to each counsel of record, the bondsman (if any) and the defendant at the last address indicated in court records. The calendars shall list the dates that cases are set for trial, the cases to be tried at that session of court, the case numbers, the names of the defendants and the names of the defense counsel. The decision of judicial assignment in cases for jury trials rests solely in the discretion of the Judges of the Superior Court.

This order shall be contrary to U.S.C.R. 3.1.

The foregoing order shall be spread on the minutes of the Superior Court, and let a copy of the same be forwarded to the District Attorney.

So ORDERED, this 3rd day of May, 2002.

Honorable Richard S. Gault, Chief Judge
Superior Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

Honorable Jeffrey S. Bagley, Judge
Superior Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit