JUDGE'S STANDING ORDER NO. 5 DISCOVERY

On this date, the Court entered the following **ORDER** with respect to discovery:

In accordance with Article 39.14, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the following requirements apply to requests for discovery:

- 1. After request, State shall permit inspection. The State shall, as soon as practicable following a timely request from the Defendant, produce and permit the inspection by or on behalf of the Defendant of all documents, items, or information responsive to Defendant's request which are in the possession, custody, or control of the State, or any person under contract with the State. The State is not required to permit inspection of its work product, or of material which is otherwise privileged. If the State withholds or redacts privileged material, it shall so inform the Defendant.
- 2. Duplication to be allowed; exception. The State shall permit electronic duplication, copying and photographing of the material requested, and may voluntarily provide such copies or electronic duplicates to the Defendant at its own expense, except that in the case of a pro se Defendant, the State is not required to allow electronic duplication of the material.
- 3. Defendant not to disclose material. Except as provided in Article 39.14, the Defendant, an attorney representing the Defendant, or any agent of the Defendant may not disclose to a third party any documents, evidence, materials, or witness statements received from the State unless:
 - (a) the Court orders the disclosure upon a showing of good cause after notice and hearing after considering the security and privacy interests of any victim or witness; or
 - (b) the documents, evidence, materials, or witness statements have already been publicly disclosed.
- 4. Exculpatory evidence to be provided. The State shall disclose to the Defendant any exculpatory, impeachment, or mitigating document, item, or information in the possession, custody, or control of the State that tends to negate the guilt of the Defendant or would tend to reduce the punishment for the offense charged.
- 5. Duty to supplement. If at any time before, during, or after trial the State discovers any additional document, item, or information required to be disclosed under section 4 above, the State shall promptly disclose the existence of the document, item, or information to the Defendant or the Court.
- 6. *Either party may request hearing*. Either party may request and shall be entitled to a hearing on any dispute arising from discovery requests or discovery responses.

IT IS SO ORDERED. Signed and Entered this /

Sonya Letson

Presiding Judge