

**JUDGE'S STANDING ORDER NO. 5**  
**DISCOVERY**

**A. 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 may 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.

## **B. SEVERABILITY**

1. If any provision of this standing order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or application of this order, which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this standing order are severable.
2. The standing order set forth herein is applicable to criminal, civil and administrative proceedings heard in the Amarillo Municipal Court.
3. This rule shall not be construed so as to enlarge, diminish, modify or alter the jurisdiction, power or authority of the Municipal Court of the City of Amarillo.

## **C. AVAILABILITY**

A copy of this local rule shall be available in the courtroom of the Amarillo Municipal Court and on the City of Amarillo Municipal Court website, which may be accessed at <https://www.amarillo.gov/court>.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** Signed and Entered this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



Laura Hamilton  
Presiding Judge  
Amarillo Municipal Court