

**HONORABLE LINDA LOPEZ
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE
CRIMINAL PRETRIAL PROCEDURES**

Please note: The Court provides this information for general guidance to counsel. However, the Court may vary these procedures as appropriate in any case.

I. Criminal Calendar

Judge Lopez's Courtroom Deputy ("CRD"), Rhea Andrews, handles all inquiries on criminal matters. Her telephone number is (619) 557-6412.

Criminal calendars are heard on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30am, unless otherwise scheduled by the Court. Criminal arraignments will be held during felony duty week at 2:00p.m. For Tuesday and Thursday calendars, counsel shall check in with the Court's CRD no later than 9:15 a.m. Counsel are expected to be punctual and to advise the Court's CRD of any scheduling conflicts in advance of their hearing.

II. Presentment of Bail Documents

Bail documents, in the format approved by the Court, must be presented to the Judge's CRD for review prior to being delivered to Chambers. The bail documents must include a copy of the Order of Conditions of Release as applicable to the defendant or material witness in the case.

III. Bail Stipulations for Modification of Conditions of Pretrial Release

The Court will accept written stipulations for modification of bail conditions. Stipulations must be signed by all counsel, the defendant, the bond sureties, and the Pretrial Services Officer supervising the defendant, if any. A copy of the Order of Conditions of Release must be attached to the written stipulation.

IV. Bail Modification Hearings

Bail Modifications will not be heard unless calendared in advance and with at least 24 hours notice to the opposing party, Pretrial Services, and the sureties.

V. Nebbia Hearings

Nebbia hearings will not be heard unless calendared in advance and defense counsel has provided at least 24 hours of notice to all parties and the assigned Pretrial Services officer. Defense counsel must provide the Court and the United States Attorney's Office

a copy of the proposed bail package, including appraisals, title documents, and other relevant materials at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

VI. Arraignment on Information

Counsel shall have the written Waiver of Indictment signed by their client prior to the scheduled hearing.

VII. Change of Plea

Changes of pleas will only be heard if calendared in advance. Counsel may not schedule a change of plea hearing until after the plea agreement is signed by the Defendant and delivered to the government. To schedule a change of plea, contact CRD Rhea Andrews at (619)-557-6412. When scheduling a change of plea hearing, counsel must provide a minimum 24 hours advance notice to the CRD. Counsel must have the written consent to Rule 11 Plea form signed by their client prior to the scheduled hearing.