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TAMARA CHARLES

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

PEOPLE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS,

Plaintiff,

v.

Calford Charleswell,

Defendant.

Case No. SX-2026-CR-00247

**TRACK 2: 180 DAYS TO
DISPOSITION**

SCHEDULING ORDER

The Defendant having been arrested on **October 4, 2026**, advised of his rights on **October 5, 2026**, and arraigned on **October 5, 2026**; and the matter having been assigned to the **Honorable Judge Ernest E. Morris, Jr.** of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands; it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. This case is assigned to track two (2).
2. All notices of appearance must be filed no later than five (5) days after the entry of this Order.
3. The People must provide initial discovery within fifteen **(15)** days of the Defendant's arraignment in this matter.
4. This matter is scheduled for a discovery conference, at which all discovery matters and pre-trial motions will be addressed, on **DECEMBER 2, 2026, at 9:00a.m., in Courtroom No. 211.**
5. All pre-trial motions must be filed within **thirty (30)** days of the Defendant's arraignment, with oppositions due **ten (10)** days thereafter, and replies due within **five (5)** days of any opposition.
6. The People's final and best plea offer shall be extended not less than **ten (10)** days before the date of the discovery conference, but the Court strongly

encourages the People to extend their plea offers at the earliest possible stage of proceedings.

7. If a plea agreement is reached prior to any scheduled conference or hearing, the parties must notify the Court within **five (5)** days of reaching said agreement.

8. Counsel for the People and counsel for the Defendant must be prepared to advise the Court at any discovery or pre-trial conference on the following matters:

- a. When discovery was tendered;
- b. Whether there are any discovery issues;
- c. Whether there are any amendments to the Information or Complaint;
- d. Whether there are any pending motions and any motions *in limine*; and
- e. Whether the case will be disposed of by plea.

9. Counsel for the People and counsel for the Defendant must be prepared to advise the Court at the final pre-trial conference on the following matters:

- a. Any anticipated instructions regarding defenses, including any alibi defense, or lesser included offenses;
- b. All potential witnesses, and any perceived problems in obtaining their presence;
- c. The expected length of trial;
- d. Any potential stipulations of fact, stipulated testimony, depositions, or stipulations regarding the foundation for, or the authentication or admissibility of, any evidence;

- e. Any anticipated evidentiary issues including, but not limited to, issues involving
 - i. judicial notice pursuant to rule 201 of the V.I. Rules of Evidence,
 - ii. evidence of other crimes pursuant to rule 404(b) of the V.I. Rules of Evidence,
 - iii. character evidence pursuant to rules 404(a), 405, 406, or 412 of the V.I. Rules of Evidence,
 - iv. prior convictions of the Defendant or witnesses pursuant to rule 609 of the V.I. Rules of Evidence,
 - v. evidence of character or conduct of witnesses, including personnel or disciplinary records of law enforcement officers pursuant to rules 607 and 608 of the V.I. Rules of Evidence,
 - vi. scientific or forensic evidence,
 - vii. expert witness testimony pursuant to rules 702-705 of the V.I. Rules of Evidence, including challenges to the basis of the expert opinion or "ultimate issue" testimony,
 - viii. demonstrative evidence pursuant to rules 901, 902, and 1001-1007 of the V.I. Rules of Evidence, or
 - ix. hearsay exceptions pursuant to rules 803, 804, 807, and 1008 of the V.I. Rules of Evidence;
- f. Whether the Defendant is eligible to receive an enhanced mandatory sentence pursuant to the habitual offender criminal statute, 14 V.I.C. §§ 61-62, and whether the People intend to file for enhanced mandatory sentencing in the event of a conviction; and
- g. Any other problems or concerns.

10. Counsel for the People and counsel for the Defendant must file witness lists, *praecipes* for the issuance of subpoenas, proposed jury instructions, and proposed *voir dire* questions at least seven (7) days before the final pre-trial conference using Case Center, failing which submissions

may be deemed to have been waived. If training on how to use Case Center is necessary, attorneys must contact the Superior Court at least fourteen (14) days before jury selection and trial in order to arrange for training.

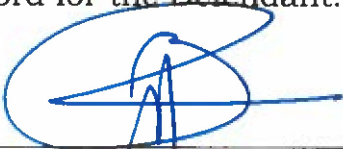
11. The Defendant must appear at all proceedings in this matter.

12. While these dates may be amended at the Court's discretion, the parties should assume that these dates will not be extended absent a showing of good cause pursuant to rule 45(b) of the V.I. Rules of Criminal Procedure.

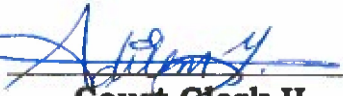
13. Any parties' failure to proceed as ordered will result in the Court imposing appropriate sanctions.

14. Copies of this Order shall be directed to the Defendant, the Office of the Attorney General, and counsel of record for the Defendant.

Dated: October 5, 2026


HONORABLE YOLAN BROW ROSS
MAGISTRATE JUDGE

ATTEST:
TAMARA CHARLES
Clerk of the Court

By: 
Court Clerk II