

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**CRIMINAL ACTION NO.: 16-624**

**ROBERT SHULER SMITH**

**DEFENDANT**

**ORDER CONTINUING HEARING**

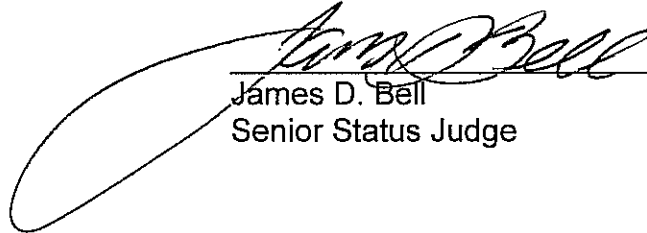
A number of motions are scheduled for hearing in this case on August 18, 2016. Similar motions and actions are pending in the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County. While each pending motion raises issues of importance, none of the motions appear to be urgent. This Court has attempted to schedule its hearings in conjunction with the Circuit Court in an effort to prevent duplication of effort and waste of judicial resources and reduce the confusion that may result from two Courts ruling on similar motions involving the same parties.

A motion to empanel a special grand jury is pending in Circuit Court. The outcome of that motion and any subsequent action or inaction by a grand jury, if one is empaneled, will likely be outcome determinative for many or all of the motions pending before this Court. Furthermore, action by a grand jury will raise jurisdiction issues for this court on many or all of the pending motions.

Because it appears that a ruling on the motion to empanel a grand jury may be imminent, this Court finds that the best use of judicial resources is to await the outcome

of that ruling. Therefore, this Court will continue the hearing scheduled on August 18, 2016, until further order of the Court.

SO ORDRED, this the 17 day of August, 2016.



James D. Bell  
Senior Status Judge