

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES DENNIS FORD,
Defendant.

Case No. 97-000351-F
ACTIVE DEATH WARRANT
EXECUTION SCHEDULE FOR
February 13, 2025 at 6 p.m.

TRIAL COURT'S SCHEDULING ORDER

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court on the issuance of the Death Warrant on January 10, 2025, for the execution of the above-named Defendant, and upon the scheduling order issued by the Supreme Court of Florida on January 10, 2025, directing that:

“The proceedings pending in the trial court, if any, shall be completed and orders entered as expeditiously as possible, but by no later than 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2025.”

Accordingly, having conducted an Initial Case Management Conference on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., which was attended by Senior Assistant Attorney General, Christina Z. Pacheco; Assistant State Attorney, Bianca Bentley; Assistant Capital Collateral Regional Counsel—Middle Region, Ali Shakoor; Senior Attorney Florida Department of Corrections, Christina Porrello, and Naples Court Reporting Court Reporter, Jennifer Little, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Court schedules the following deadlines for purposes of meeting the Supreme Court of Florida's deadline:

1. The Florida Department of Corrections shall provide the inmate records to post conviction counsel by **Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

2. Defendant shall file any additional public records requests by **Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**

3. Any objections from agencies involved in those public records requests shall be filed by **Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**

4. The Court will hold a public records hearing, if necessary, on the additional public records requests and any objections from any agency on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting ID: 844 364 6930. There is no password for this Meeting ID.** The Court will enter a written order by **Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** If objections are

overruled, agencies shall comply by **Friday, January 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

5. Any successive post-conviction motion shall be filed by Defendant by **Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Upon Defendant's *ore tenus* motion for additional pages, the Court granted Defendant's request to not exceed 35 pages, exclusive of attachments and exhibits.

6. The State shall file a response to Defendant's successive post-conviction motion by **Monday, January 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.** The State's answer shall not exceed 35 pages, exclusive of attachments and exhibits.

7. The Case Management Hearing, or *Huff* hearing, to determine whether an evidentiary hearing should be held and hear argument on any purely legal claims not based on disputed facts shall be held on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 4-D.** The Court will enter a written order by **Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**

7. An evidentiary hearing, if necessary, shall be held on **Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 4D.**

8. This Court will issue a final written order on any successive motion by **Friday, January 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**

9. The Clerk of Court shall have the record on appeal, including all warrant filings and complete transcripts of all hearings filed in the Florida Supreme Court by **Monday, January 27, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**

Hearings shall be held at the Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. Participants may appear remotely for all non-evidentiary hearings. Defendant's presence is only needed in the event that an evidentiary hearing is held.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, on the date affixed to the below signature.


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