

STATE OF MAINE

v.

FIRST SCHEDULING ORDER
(Attorney General Homicide Case)

JAMES CLARK,

Defendant

Following a conference with AAG Bozeman and Attorneys Wright and Paris on September 4, 2026, at which the Defendant was not present, the court finds and ORDERS, as follows:

1. Charge(s).

The Defendant is charged with Intentional or Knowing Murder and Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person.

2. Harnish.

- ☒ A Harnish hearing has been continued day to day to be scheduled at Defendant's request.
- ☐ The Harnish hearing has been held/is not requested.

3. Discovery Deadline.

On or before October 1, 2026, the State shall complete its production of discovery to Defendant.

4. Title 15.

- ☐ There are no Title 15 issues.
- ☒ The status of the Title 15 issues is as follows: evaluations have been completed.

5. Deadline for Filing Motions.

On or before November 1, 2026, the parties shall file all motions, other than motions in limine.

6. Expert Witness reports.

- ☒ The deadlines for expert reports for all parties are as follows:
 - ☒ The deadline for the State is October 1, 2026.
 - ☒ The deadline for the Defendant is November 1, 2026.
- ☐ All parties report that no experts will be designated.

7. Judicially Assisted Settlement Conference.

- ☒ The parties have requested a Judicially Assisted Settlement Conference.
- ☐ A Judicially Assisted Settlement Conference may be scheduled upon the request of either party.

8. Trial Date.

- ☒ Jury Housekeeping shall be held on January 27, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.
- ☒ Jury selection shall be held on February 2 & 3, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.
- ☒ Trial is scheduled to commence on February 4, 2027 at 8:30 a.m. The trial is scheduled for February 4, 2027 through February 12, 2027, including deliberations.

9. Status Conference.

A status conference to address pretrial issues shall be held in December 2026. Hearings on motions expected to be held during January 2027.

At the status conference, all parties must be prepared to discuss and/or provide the following to the court:

- Estimated time for trial.
- Jury trial/waiver.
- Expert testimony.
- Timing for exchange of witness lists, exhibit lists and motions in limine.
- Admissions and stipulations, including: admissions of facts, stipulated facts, admission of documents, stipulations to the authenticity of documents.
- All legal/evidentiary issues.
- Timing for submission of voir dire, jury instructions and verdict forms.

10. Other Cases Pending Against Defendant.

- ☒ There are no other pending cases.
- ☐ The Defendant has the following pending cases: _____

11. Video or Telephonic Conferencing.

Any party may request permission to participate by video or telephone in any conference, meeting or hearing with the court other than a testimonial hearing or the trial. The court will attempt to accommodate such requests unless the court requires in person attendance based upon the circumstances of the proceeding or the lack of suitable technology. To request and arrange for attendance by video or telephone, contact the Clerk of Court not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the proceeding.

12. Modification of This Order.

This Order shall supersede any conflicting requirements or provisions in any orders previously made in this case. The parties shall not deviate from any of the deadlines or requirements in this Order or any modifications of this Order unless authorized by the court. This Order may be modified or revised at any time as the court in its discretion deems necessary or appropriate.

13. Docket Entry.

The clerk is directed to make the following docket entry: "First Scheduling Order filed. This Order is incorporated into the docket by reference at the specific direction of the court."

Date: September 4, 2026


Daniel I. Billings, Justice
Maine Superior Court