

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS IN AND FOR  
THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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STANDING ORDER 25-02

DISCOVERY

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**STANDING ORDER**

In the interest of reducing the number of filings submitted in criminal cases, effective immediately, the filing of an entry of appearance shall be deemed an election to proceed under the reciprocal discovery statute, O.C.G.A. § 17-16-1 *et seq.*, and shall entitle the defendant to any and all evidence subject to disclosure under law.

This order shall not apply to *pro se* litigants.

A criminal defense attorney may withdraw their client's case from this order by including the following opt-out clause in their initial entry of appearance:

**THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DEFENDANT HEREBY OPTS OUT OF  
STANDING ORDER 25-01.**

Defendants governed by this order shall have until ten days before calendar call to file any pre-trial motions, exclusive of special demurrers, which must be filed within ten days of arraignment.

Defendants governed by this order may, without first complying with the procedure set out in O.C.G.A. § 49-5-41(a)(11), access any records concerning reports of child abuse which have been furnished to the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office (hereinafter, the "State"). Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 49-5-41(g)(3)(A), the Court hereby enters the following protective orders with respect to such records:

1. The records shall be kept and maintained by the State;
2. The defense may view the records under such terms and conditions as may be reasonably established by the State;
3. The records shall not be disseminated except as authorized by further court order; provided, however, that the State may, in its sole discretion and under such terms and conditions as it sees fit, disseminate the records to the defense; and
4. The records shall not be reproduced by the defense except as authorized by further court order; provided, however, that the defense shall be entitled to make appropriate exhibits in advance of trial.

The above-listed protective orders shall apply to the parties and all of their respective agents. Any records released pursuant to this standing order shall be returned to the State upon completion of the matter that caused the production of such records.

In the event of an appeal, the Clerk of Court shall supplement the record by transmitting a copy of this order to the appropriate reviewing court.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Brian House  
Chief Judge  
Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit