

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL BRANCH
SUPERIOR COURT**

Rockingham County

Rockingham Superior Court

State v. Brandon M. Castiglione

218-2019-CR-01132

ORDER ON STATUS OF COUNSEL

After a hearing, the Court approves the appointment of two attorneys to represent the defendant. The NH Public Defender has been discharged from the case. The judicial counsel shall appoint two attorneys to represent the defendant. Given the complexity of the case, and the amount of travel that might be required if non-local attorneys must be appointed, the Court pre-approves counsel's reimbursement for all case-related travel. The murder case is a complex one, and the Court is very much aware that a relatively small pool of attorneys in this State that would be willing to take up such an appointment.

The defendant expressed an interest in representing himself, but would like to meet and confer with the new attorneys before making his ultimate decision.

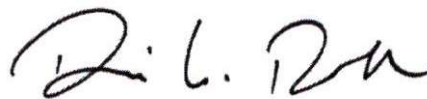
Thus, within 60 Days of appointment, new counsel must meet with the defendant review discovery if possible, and prepare for a further hearing on this issue. A further Status of Counsel hearing shall be scheduled 60 days after the new attorneys are appointed. If the defendant wishes to represent himself, the Court will review that with him at that hearing and counsel's status shall be converted to stand-by counsel for trial. If defendant does not wish to represent himself, then the Status of Counsel hearing shall be conducted as a scheduling hearing for trial deadlines.

This matter will be scheduled for trial in the month of May, 2023. A separate notice will issue when the Court has set Jury Selection dates for 2023.

The NH Public Defender is directed to turn over a copy of the discovery and any case-related work product to new counsel.

To facilitate the transfer of discovery and prevent an inadvertent loss of discovery during the file transfer between defense counsel, the State has agreed to provide discovery to new counsel on an expedited basis if needed.

So Ordered.



Hon. David W. Ruoff

Date: March 17, 2022