

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRIAL

If your case has been set for trial, please be advised of the following:

1. Trial is your opportunity to present your case—your side of the story. Please come prepared.
2. Subject to a determination of relevance, etc., you can:
  - a. Call witnesses on your behalf. They should be with you when you appear for trial.
  - b. Introduce documents on your behalf. To do so, you need to bring three copies of any documents you want to use with you to trial. We will NOT print documents for you.
  - c. Introduce videos on your behalf. To do so, you need to bring the video with you on a flash drive.
3. To admit documents, videos, etc., someone will need to testify about them—where they came from, how they were made, etc.
4. You can testify on your own behalf—BUT you are not required to testify. The state must prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, and you cannot be compelled to testify. But you CAN testify if you choose to do so.
5. **IF** you choose to testify, you waive your Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination. This means you will be cross-examined by the state, and you cannot refuse to answer.
6. The Texas Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Texas Rules of Evidence apply and must be followed by all parties, and the Court. You should familiarize yourself with these if you are going to represent yourself.