

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-4

RE-INSTITUTING THE GRAND JURY

WHEREAS Champaign County utilized the Grand Jury in criminal cases for many decades and

WHEREAS Champaign County ended the use of the Grand Jury a decade or so ago when financial cuts were made to all County departments and

WHEREAS Article 12 of the Illinois Code of Criminal Procedure authorizes either the State's Attorney or the Circuit Court to impanel a grand jury and Rule 1.12 of the Sixth Judicial Circuit authorizes the Presiding Judge or Jury Commission to impanel a Grand Jury and

WHEREAS defendants will maintain their rights to be prosecuted either by Information (with a preliminary hearing by a Judge) or by Indictment (by a Grand Jury) and


WHEREAS the State's Attorney wishes to re-institute the use of Grand Juries and

WHEREAS the use of Grand Juries will promote judicial efficiency and economy:

THEREFORE: The Presiding Judge of Champaign County, in consultation with the Champaign County State's Attorney, re-institutes the use of Grand Juries for felony prosecutions. Grand jury proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to the Illinois Code of Criminal Procedure, 725 ILCS 5/112-1 et seq. Further:

1. The Circuit Court shall send out summonses for Grand Jurors, returnable the first day of its term.
2. Grand Jurors shall meet on dates and at time/locations set forth by the Circuit Court, generally meeting every other week. The term of service shall be for 8 weeks. The first terms are listed in Attachment A.
3. On the first day of the term, the 16- person Grand Jury shall be impaneled, sworn and instructed on their duties by the Circuit Court. The Court shall also select the foreperson.
4. The State's Attorney shall ensure that a court reporter is present for Grand Jury sessions and may seek a court security officer to be present.
5. The State shall provide transcripts of the proceedings to the defense as required under discovery rules.
6. If a Defendant seeks a preliminary hearing in arraignment court, the matter will be set over in arraignment court for the preliminary hearing or arraignment on an indictment.

Date: 4-25-22

ENTER: 
Presiding Judge Randall B Rosenbaum

ATTACHMENT A

The asterisk symbolizes the first day of the term. All dates are Thursdays:

July 7, 2022*

July 21

Aug. 4

Aug. 18

Sept. 1

Sept. 15*

Sept. 29

Oct. 13

Oct. 27

Nov. 10

(three weeks in between)

Dec. 1*

Dec. 15

Dec. 29

Jan. 12, 2023

Jan. 26