


IN THE CRIMINAL COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
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v. )  
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BRICEN RIVERS, )  
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IN RE: BROOKE'S BAIL )  
 BONDING, SURETY )  
 )  
 ON TIME BONDING, )  
 SURETY )

CASE NO. 2024-A-605

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Davidson County  
Criminal Court Clerk

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**ORDER SETTING HEARING**

THIS MATTER is currently pending in Division III Criminal Court on an indictment charging the Defendant with two counts of Especially Aggravated Kidnapping, one count of Stalking, and one count of Coercion of a Witness.

On April 3, 2024, following a hearing at which the trial court received evidence relevant to the factors outlined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-11-118, the trial court issued an Order reducing the Defendant's bond from \$250,000 to \$150,000 with additional pre-trial release conditions, including electronic monitoring, geographic restriction, and no contact with the victim or any other potential witness. On June 5, 2024, the trial court entered a separate Order reiterating the release conditions and GPS monitor requirements.


On June 24, 2024, Brooke's Bail Bonding and On Time Bonding posted bonds on Defendant's behalf of \$75,000 each toward the total \$150,000 bond, thereby securing the Defendant's pre-trial release. On July 4, 2024, the Defendant was taken into custody in Harrison County, Mississippi for the homicide of the victim in this case.


The trial courts are vested with the inherent authority to regulate bonding companies, including by adopting local rules. The local rules of this Court governing the practice of bonding companies make clear that “[e]very bonding company acts as an agent of the Court and the conduct of the bonding company constitutes an integral part of the operation of the Court.” Rule 9.A., Local Rules of Practice for Bail Bonds. *See also In re Bonding*, 599 S.W.3d 17 (2020).


BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO THE COURT that certain irregularities may have accompanied the posting of bond and release of the Defendant in this matter, and in order to ensure the reliability of these companies in the operation of the Court, an evidentiary hearing is necessary and appropriate to inquire into the circumstances of the Defendant’s release. Further, given the public interest implicated in this circumstance, the hearing shall be held before the entire Court pursuant to Rule 2.C., Local Rules of Practice for Bail Bonds.

The evidentiary hearing shall be set on August 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m, in Courtroom 6A. Owners and all involved agents of Brooke’s Bail Bonding and On Time Bonding shall appear and be prepared to give testimony at the hearing. The bonding companies shall produce any contracts, receipts, documents, recorded or written communications, emails, texts, photographs, or videos related to the bond, bond conditions, and/or release of the Defendant directly to the Chambers of Judge Steve Dozier on or before August 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m..

SO ORDERED on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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STEVE DOZIER  
Judge, Criminal Court, Div. I

  
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ANGELITA DALTON  
Judge, Criminal Court, Div. II

  
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CHERYL BLACKBURN  
Judge, Criminal Court, Div. III

  
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JENNIFER SMITH  
Judge, Criminal Court, Div. IV

*Khadija Babb* *W/PCN*  
KHADIJA BABB  
Judge, Criminal Court, Div. V

*Cynthia Chappell*  
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