

# COUNTY of HIDALGO



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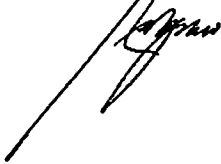
## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 15, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Judge Arnoldo Cantu, Jr.  
County Court #5

**FROM:** Ray Eufrazio, CPA.  
Hidalgo County Auditor

**REFERENCE:** Notice of Discrepancy for Attorney Sidney Meadows  
Cause# CR-15-11282-E, CR-13-09329-E & CR-15-11283-E



We reviewed the attached attorney voucher(s) but were not able to process payment due to the following:

On February 9th, 2015, the Board of Judges approved and amended the Hidalgo County Local Rules on Indigent Defense. Rule 8.01 (e-1) of the Local Rules stipulate that "no claim will be paid unless properly submitted within 45 days of disposition. The attached attorney fees expense claim form was submitted for approval to the Auditor's Office on November 28, 2016. The disposition date was January 19, 2016.

In addition, as per the notice that was sent out by Indigent Defense on May 18, 2015 regarding new and approved amended Local Rules, attorneys choosing to participate in the Hidalgo County Court appointment system must sign a contract agreeing to the voucher deadline submission forms. The courts and the County of Hidalgo will not be liable for payment of any voucher not submitted within the allotted time.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please call Corina Martinez, Accounts Payable Specialist I, at (956) 318-2511 ext. 4624, or Elizabeth Cano, Accounts Payable Supervisor, at ext. 4628.

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### HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

LUIS SINGLETERRY JUDGE 12 <sup>th</sup> D.C.	RODOLFO DELGADO JUDGE 13 <sup>th</sup> D.C.	J. R. BOBBY FLORES JUDGE 131 <sup>st</sup> D.C.	ROSE SIERRA REYNA JUDGE 208 <sup>th</sup> D.C.	JUAN R. PARTIDA JUDGE 275 <sup>th</sup> D.C.	MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE 312 <sup>th</sup> D.C.	NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE 377 <sup>th</sup> D.C. OVERSEER	LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE 389 <sup>th</sup> D.C.	AIDA SALINAS FLORES JUDGE 394 <sup>th</sup> D.C.	ISRAEL RAMON, JR. JUDGE 430 <sup>th</sup> D.C.	JESSE CONTRERAS JUDGE 441 <sup>th</sup> D.C.
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# ATTORNEY FEES EXPENSE CLAIM FORM (CRIMINAL CASES ONLY)

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26.05 CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AS AMENDED

SECTION A CASE INFORMATION				FEE SCHEDULE			
DEFENDANT NAME (SHOW ONLY ONE DEFENDANT PER CLAIM)				DESCRIPTION	IN COURT	OUT OF COURT	AMOUNT
RICHARD WATTS				NON-TRIAL FEES			\$100.00
FID	646825	APPOINTMENT DATE	8/3/2015	TRIAL FEES	\$0.00	\$437.50	\$437.50
DEGREE	MA	DISPOSITION DATE	3/23/2016	OTHER LEGAL SERVICE AMOUNT		\$0.00	\$0.00
CASE IS ON-GOING	<input type="checkbox"/> APPEAL	DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> PENALTY CASE	DEATH PENALTY RATE	<input type="checkbox"/> INVESTIGATOR	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPERT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
				<small>REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER LEGAL SERVICES PER PERIODIC REPORTING DOCUMENTATION</small>			
COURT NUMBER COUNTY COURT 5				FEES SET BY COURT \$		TOTAL	\$537.50
CASE NUMBER CR-15-11282-E				JUSTIFICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26.05(4)(C):			
				<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLEXITY OF THE CASE AND/OR COUNSEL'S EXPERIENCE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			

SECTION B (MISDEMEANOR CASES ONLY) SERVICES PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY			
DATE	TYPE OF WORK	SERVICES PROVIDED	AMOUNT
	INITIAL JAIL VISIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	WRIT SECURING BOND REDUCTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	SECURE JAIL RELEASE	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	PLEA / DISMISSAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	MOTION TO REVOKE / MOTION TO ADJUDICATE	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	SUPPRESSION	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	PRETRIAL DIVERSION / ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	OTHER MISDEMEANOR CASE Case # _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	OTHER MISDEMEANOR CASE Case # CR-13-09329-E	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
	OTHER MISDEMEANOR CASE Case # CR-15-11283-E	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
	OTHER MISDEMEANOR CASE Case # _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$100.00</b>

SECTION C LIST RELATED CASE NO.S	SECTION D FELONY CASES / MISDEMEANOR TRIAL WORK			
	DATE	TYPE OF WORK	IN COURT HOURS	OUT OF COURT HOURS
	8/5/2015	Receipt and review application of appointment		0.3
	8/5/2015	Telephone call to Sheriff's office to schedule telephonic conference with the client		0.3
	8/5/2015	Prepare written request to Sheriff's office, opened file		0.4
	8/6/2015	Conference call with client to discuss details of arrest and criminal history		0.5
	9/2/2015	Online research regarding indictment, none posted		0.3
	9/14/2015	Proof and modify correspondence to client regarding request for contact		0.4
	9/17/2015	Telephone call from client to discuss details of case and plan		0.4
	10/15/2015	Online research regarding indictment, none posted		0.3
	11/13/2015	Online research regarding criminal history, located to pending charges associated with outstanding warrants		0.4
	11/13/2015	Telephone call to client, no answer, left message, draft correspondence		
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>3.25</b>

SECTION E ATTORNEY INFORMATION		
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MAILING ADDRESS		
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SECTION F CERTIFICATION	
I, <u>SIDNEY R. MEADOWS</u>	ATTORNEY AT LAW, SWEAR OR AFFIRM TO THE
COURT AND TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR THAT 1) THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT. 2) PAYMENT WOULD NOT BE CONTRARY TO THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE JUDGES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26.05 CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 3) I HAVE NOT RECEIVED NOR WILL RECEIVE ANY MONEY OR ANYTHING ELSE OF VALUE FOR REPRESENTING THE ACCUSED. 4) I HAVE NOT SUBMITTED DUPLICATE TIME CHARGES FOR THE SAME HOURS CHARGED IN ANY OTHER CASE AND 5) I HAVE HANDLED THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK IN THE ABOVE NOTED CASE(S)	
APPROVED _____ <small>PRESIDING JUDGE (SIGNATURE)</small>	THE _____ DAY OF _____ <small>ATTORNEY AT LAW (SIGNATURE)</small>
REVIEWED BY INDIGENT DEFENSE OFFICE	



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 5, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Judge Israel Ramon Jr.  
430<sup>th</sup> District Court

**FROM:** Ray Eufrazio, CPA,  
Hidalgo County Auditor

**REFERENCE:** Notice of Discrepancy for Attorney Sidney Meadows  
Cause# CR-4649-15-J

We reviewed the attached attorney voucher(s) but were not able to process payment due to the following:

On February 9th, 2015, the Board of Judges approved and amended the Hidalgo County Local Rules on Indigent Defense. Rule 8.02 (c) of the Local Rules stipulate that "attorneys appointed to represent defendants shall submit their vouchers no later than 90 days from date of disposition on felony cases. The invoice attached was submitted to the Auditor's Office on November 18, 2016. The disposition date was October 21, 2015.

In addition, as per the notice that was sent out by Indigent Defense on May 18, 2015 regarding new and approved amended Local Rules, attorneys choosing to participate in the Hidalgo County Court appointment system must sign a contract agreeing to the voucher deadline submission forms. The courts and the County of Hidalgo will not be liable for payment of any voucher not submitted within the allotted time.

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PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26.05 CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AS AMENDED

SECTION A CASE INFORMATION				FEE SCHEDULE			
DEFENDANT NAME (SHOW ONLY ONE DEFENDANT PER CLAIM): LORENA HERNANDEZ				DESCRIPTION	IN COURT	OUT OF COURT	AMOUNT
PID	686763	APPOINTMENT DATE	3/20/2015	NON-TRIAL FEES			\$0.00
DEGREE	FS	DISPOSITION DATE	10/21/2015	TRIAL FEES	\$1,025.00	\$1,032.50	\$2,057.50
CASE IS <input type="checkbox"/> ON-GOING <input type="checkbox"/> APPEAL <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH PENALTY CASE				OTHER LEGAL SERVICE AMOUNT: \$0.00			
COURT NUMBER: 430TH DISTRICT COURT				FEE SCHEDULE TOTAL: \$2,057.50			
CASE NUMBER: CR-4649-15-J				JUSTIFICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26.05(4)(C):			
				<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLEXITY OF THE CASE AND/OR COUNSEL'S EXPERIENCE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			

SECTION B (MISDEMEANOR CASES ONLY) SERVICES PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY			
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	SECURE JAIL RELEASE	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
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	PRETRIAL DIVERSION / ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
	OTHER MISDEMEANOR CASE Case # _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

SECTION C LIST RELATED CASE NO.S	SECTION D FELONY CASES / MISDEMEANOR TRIAL WORK			
	DATE	TYPE OF WORK	IN COURT HOURS	OUT OF COURT HOURS
	3/20/2015	Receipt and review appointment		0.2
	3/20/2015	Opened file; prepared correspondence to sheriff's dept to schedule telephonic conference with client		0.4
	3/23/2015	Conduct telephonic conference with client to discuss details of arrest and of the client's criminal history		0.4
	3/23/2015	Draft proof modify and finalize Writ of Habaus to reduce bond		1
	3/24/2015	Finalize Writ of Habaus to Reduce Bond and file with the Court		0.5
	3/24/2015	Telephone call to client's mother		0.2
	3/25/2015	Conference with ADA's office regarding bond reduction		0.3
	3/27/2015	Receipt and review order setting hearing on Writ of Habeaus Corpus		0.2
	3/31/2015	Telephone call from client's mother regarding questions about bond reduction hearing		0.2
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>			<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>

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REVIEWED BY INDIGENT DEFENSE OFFICE	

# ATTORNEY FEES EXPENSE CLAIM FORM (CRIMINAL CASES ONLY)

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26.05 CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AS AMENDED

**SECTION D FELONY CASES / MISDEMEANOR TRIAL WORK (CONTINUATION SHEET)**

DEFENDANT NAME	CASE NUMBER
LORENA HERNANDEZ	CR-4649-15-J

DATE	TYPE OF WORK	IN COURT HOURS	OUT OF COURT HOURS
4/1/2015	Attendance at Court to reduce bond; client released on PR bond	1	
4/2/2015	Telephone call from client advising that she tested positive for cocaine on a UA test further advised that she had 2 seizures in jail and was given medication; concern of contamination, client was asked to obtain a list of the prescribed medication		0.4
4/6/2015	Telephone call from client advising that the Court has her name wrong;		0.2
4/8/2015	Telephone call from client regarding status of medical prescription request; she needs a HIPPA authorization form;		0.2
4/9/2015	Mailed out HIPPA authorization form to the client		0.4
4/15/2015	Telephone call from client regarding status of case; online research revealed that the case has not been scheduled for a hearing yet		0.3
4/30/2015	Online research regarding court date scheduling, none posted		0.3
5/22/2015	telephone call from client regarding status of case; client advised that she wants to move to Abilene with her boyfriend		0.2
6/4/2015	Telephone call from client regarding status of case;		0.2
6/29/2015	telephone call from client advising that she does not have money or a car to report to probation, wants to turn herself in, will call probation and call our office back		0.3
7/20/2015	Telephone call from client stating she is going to turn herself in because she does not want to be on house arrest		0.2
8/24/2015	Receipt and review motion to revoke probation filed by the state, online research regarding indictment		0.4
8/26/2015	Receipt and review motion to revoke bond and removal from AIP program		0.3
8/27/2015	Telephone call from client regarding problems she is having with drugs, reporting to probation officer and conditions of AIP. Client was advised that the state has moved to revoke her bond, online researched court date, none posted		0.4
9/2/2015	Online researched regarding court dates, bond revocation hearing posted for tomorrow; telephone call to the Clerk regarding not having been provided notice of hearing		0.3
9/2/2015	Telephone call to client to advise of hearing tomorrow; client advised that she is suicidal and that Texas Tropical has sent someone with the State to evaluate her;		0.3
9/2/2015	Telephone call from client regarding medications she is taking and diagnosis; as per client she was diagnosed with bipolar and PTSD, client advised that she will be hospitalized in South Texas Behavioral for suicidal thoughts		0.3
9/3/2015	Attendance at Court, await Court to finalize previously scheduled trial matter, NISI was issued by the Court due to clients failure to attend, court was advised that the client is being held by Texas Behavioral Health Clinic due to suicidal thoughts		1.8
9/8/2015	Online research regarding NISI order		0.2
9/8/2015	Telephone call to clients mother regarding status of client's health, as per the client's mother the client will soon be released		0.2
9/8/2015	Telephone call to client to advise of NISI issuance, advised client of process involved		0.2
9/9/2015	Telephone call to Court Coordinatore regarding getting NISI set aside; as per Marise our office needs to contact the ADA to confirm they are in agreement to reset the case		0.3
9/10/2015	telephone call to the ADA office and clerks office regarding NISI recall and drug class		0.4
9/10/2015	telephone call to the ADA to get NISI lifted		0.2
9/11/2015	telephone call to the Court (Andy) regarding resetting matter for hearing;		0.2
9/14/2015	Researched and prepared for upcoming hearing		0.4
9/15/2015	Prepare folder with research and necessary documents for tomorrow's hearing		0.5
9/16/2015	Attend hearing to lift NISI, conference with client, conference with ADA, client's bond was revoked, client placed in jail	1.2	
9/22/2015	Online researched indictment, none posted yet		0.2
9/28/2015	Online researched indictment, indictment confirmed as posted		0.2
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>7.75</b>

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