

October 26, 2004

Re: Multiple Defendant Gang Assault Cases

Dear Major Felony Panelist,

Arrests for first degree gang assaults are increasing. These are class B felonies and by definition involve multiple defendants. I am advised that a small number of major felony panelists are being assigned to these cases because certain other major felony panelists are declining to accept assignments to them. This in turn is causing logistical problems in various parts.

I want to prepare a list of major felony panelists who are willing to take such cases so that the County Court Judges can use a rotation system and more equitably use our 18B resources. Accordingly, I am asking you to complete the lower portion of this letter and fax it back to me at 516.873.8032 immediately.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Patrick L. McCloskey

_____ I am willing to accept assignments to first degree gang assault cases.

_____ I would rather not accept such assignments.