

**IN THE CRIMINAL COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
DIVISION III**

STATE OF TENNESSEE

v.

KENDRICK RODGERS,

Defendant.

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Docket No. 116829

MOTION TO BE PROVIDED CORRESPONDENCE FROM JURY POOL

COMES NOW THE DEFENDANT, Kendrick Rodgers, by and through counsel, and moves this Honorable Court for an order directing the clerk to provide to him the correspondence from the jury pool in this case. In support of this motion, Mr. Rodgers would show as follows:

This matter is set for trial on July 6, 2020. This setting is in the midst of a pandemic which sees case hospitalization counts increasing dramatically. Jurors who have been summoned are scared, and are asking their elected officials, such as this Court, for guidance on responding to the jury summonses.

In response to this fear, the Court sent an email to the prospective jurors (Exhibit 1). This email invited those who had questions or concerns to either call or email. Mr. Rodgers is entitled to copies of the emails that were sent by the jurors and the responses thereto, as well as to a list of the jurors who called into the clerk's office to discuss their fears.

As this will occupy a significant amount of *voir dire* in this case, Mr. Rodgers asks that he be provided these materials pretrial so as to avoid delay prior to beginning *voir dire*.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Mr. Rodgers prays that this Honorable Court order that the clerk provide to counsel for Mr. Rodgers a list of the jurors who have called in with concerns, a list of any excused jurors and the reason for the excuse, and any and all emails sent by prospective jurors as well as the responses thereto.

Respectfully submitted this the 30th day of June, 2020,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing has been forwarded to the District Attorney General for the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Tennessee, or to her assistants, on the date the foregoing was filed with the clerk.

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EXHIBIT 1