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SAN ANDREAS JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES NEW COURT PROCEDURE TO PROMOTE TIMELINESS AND EFFICIENCY IN TRIALS

Rockford Hills, Los Santos (City Hall): The San Andreas Judiciary is pleased to announce the implementation of a new procedural directive aimed at ensuring timeliness, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of justice. The new procedure, outlined in "<u>Court Procedures</u>" introduces time limits for various types of trials, along with guidelines for managing Court schedules and proceedings.

Chief Justice of the San Andreas Judiciary, Kylian J. Clarkson, emphasized the importance of this step: "This new procedure is a commitment to expediting the legal process while maintaining the high standards of fairness and justice in our courts. We believe these structured timeframes will reduce unnecessary delays and enhance courtroom efficiency."

Key Highlights of the New Procedure

Time Limits for Trials:

- Bench Trials (Title 2.1.1): These are limited to a maximum of 1 hour, with equal time allocated for both the prosecution and defense (30 minutes each).
- **Criminal Proceeding Trials (Title 2.1.2):** Maximum duration of 2 hours and 15 minutes, with 60 minutes allocated to both the prosecution and defense, and 15 minutes for shared opening and closing statements.
- Capital Charge Proceeding Trials (Title 2.1.3): A total duration of 3 hours and 15 minutes, with 90 minutes each for the prosecution and defense, plus 15 minutes for shared statements.

Enforcement of Time Limits:

- **Time Keeping (Title 2.2.1):** The presiding judge or court clerk will closely monitor the time allocated to both parties.
- **Warnings (Title 2.2.2):** Warnings will be issued as time limits approach, though it is the responsibility of counsel to manage their time effectively.
- Enforcement (Title 2.2.3): While strict adherence to time limits will be enforced, sanctions or contempt will not be issued if the limits are exceeded. Judges may direct counsel to focus on key issues or limit certain aspects of proceedings to ensure a timely conclusion.

This new procedure underscores the Judiciary's commitment to balancing the need for efficiency with the core principles of fairness and justice. Legal professionals and Court personnel are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these updates to ensure smooth, timely trials across San Andreas.

The new procedure can be found in full here.

Kind Regards,

Chief Justice Kylian J. Clarkson Supreme Court of the State of San Andreas

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