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DA to Resume Full Court Operations Wednesday

(Houston TX) – Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson announced Tuesday that all DA's personnel are to report for duty Wednesday (Sept. 17) for the resumption of regular court operations.

The District Attorney advised the staff to be ready for court dockets and other proceedings for the reopening of the county's Criminal Justice Center (CJC) at 1201 Franklin St. downtown.

On Monday and Tuesday, damage from Hurricane Ike had restricted non-essential operations at the CJC. The nearby Juvenile Justice Center at 1200 Congress St. had reopened on Tuesday.

At the CJC, the Intake Division of the DA's Office went into disaster planning mode to avoid any disruptions from Ike in the continued screening of new cases and filing of criminal charges.

The District Attorney warned offenders they can expect to face the full resources and resolve of police and prosecutors if they try to exploit the emergency circumstances remaining in some areas of the county.

"Adverse conditions have not affected the commitment of law enforcement and this Office," Magidson said. "Criminals will be arrested and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

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