

County of Deaf Smith

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DJ WAGNERCOUNTY JUDGE

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to a policy review that was performed by the TIDC in July of 2020 here in Deaf Smith County. After receiving the monitoring review report we understand the TIDC findings. Plans are being made to clarify the standard of indigence within our Indigent Defense Plan. Deaf Smith County will do everything we can to insure the magistrate provides assistance in completing those forms at the time of magistration so that a finding of incomplete won't occur. We will also ensure that all defendants do not enter any plea without knowing if their request for council was denied or them being advised of their right to be represented by an attorney. All these procedures will be handled before an attorney representing the state has any communication with the defendant. We understand the importance of this matter and look forward to working with the TIDC in the future.

D.J. Wagner

Deaf Smith County Judge