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To all victims of crime in Bexar County:

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If you are a victim in a case that has been filed and accepted for prosecution by the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office, please pay close attention to your mail as you will receive information regarding court settings.

During the pandemic, very few cases have been resolved without jurors present. This has led to an unprecedented backlog of more than 50,000 criminal cases awaiting trial. Although the local administrative judge has announced that in-person trials will resume on June 1, 2021, there are a few things I would like you to know:

1. Presently only one jury will be chosen each day. With 44 Bexar County courts each waiting for the opportunity to choose a jury, it will be about two weeks between jury trials for each court.
2. Each judge determines which cases will be set for trial. Judges typically prioritize cases by age and by the level of offense. For example, a capital murder case from 2017 would be given priority over a theft case.
3. You have been receiving notices from our office about court settings. The court backlog will most likely lead to your case being reset. Please monitor your mail. Keep your address and phone information updated with your assigned court advocate so that they can make sure you know what's happening with your case.

Please know that this is going to be a slow process. As Bexar County's COVID-19 conditions improve, we are hopeful that courts will get closer to pre-pandemic activity. We are eager to get back into the courtroom and seek justice for all. If you have any questions about your case, please contact your advocate.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Gonzales".

Joe Gonzales  
Bexar County Criminal District Attorney