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NEWS ADVISORY

JUDGE EMMETT AND COURT OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON REPAIRS, PHASED REOPENING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

WHO: Harris County Judge Ed Emmett

District Judge Vanessa Velasquez, Administrative Judge of Criminal Division

Assistant County Engineer Loyd Smith

WHAT: News Conference

WHEN: 10:15 a.m., today, May 18, 2018

WHERE: Main Lobby – First Floor

Criminal Justice Center

1201 Franklin

Houston, TX 77002

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and District Judge Vanessa Velasquez will announce a major update on Harris County's progress towards reopening the Criminal Justice Center, the county's primary criminal courthouse, during a news conference this morning. The media will be briefed on the timetable for expected courtroom reopenings and will be allowed access to some repaired courtrooms.