

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN  
AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: I-06-U-4

IN RE:

UNPAID FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS  
IN CRIMINAL CASES

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WHEREAS, pursuant to section 938.30, Florida Statutes, the court may enter judgment on any court-imposed financial obligation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 938.30, Florida Statutes, the court may enforce the judgment in the manner allowed in civil cases; and

WHEREAS, any judgment issued pursuant to section 938.30, Florida Statutes, constitutes a civil lien against the judgment debtor's presently owned or after-acquired personal, real, tangible or intangible property, when recorded pursuant to s. 55.10; and

WHEREAS, supplementary proceedings undertaken by any governmental entity to satisfy a judgment imposed pursuant to section 938.30, Florida Statutes, may proceed without bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, and pursuant to section 938.30, it is

ORDERED that judgment shall be entered on all criminal cases that have been in "open collection" status for a period of one (1) year. Said judgment shall be recorded in the Official Records or Judgment Lien Record of Broward County and with the Secretary of State, or other county as required by law to perfect this lien. Said judgment shall be a lien on judgment debtor's presently owned or after-acquired property in Broward County for an initial period of ten (10)

years from the date of the recording. "Open collection" status shall not include a case(s) assigned to Collection Court, wherein the debtor/defendant is under the supervision of the Collection Court and engaged in a payment plan or other program and is not in default of same.

In cases where at the time of sentencing the Defendant is sentenced to State Prison the outstanding obligation will be reduced to a civil judgment by the sentencing Judge and filed accordingly by that division. These cases will not be sent to Collection Court. If the Defendant owes monies as a result of a misdemeanor sentence and is subsequently sent to State Prison on other charges, the recommendation for the imposition of a civil lien will be sent to the misdemeanor division Judge for entry and filing of the Judgment Lien.

DONE AND ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2006.

/s/DALE ROSS  
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge