

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. III-05-A-7A

IN RE:

APPOINTMENT OF THE PUBLIC
DEFENDER

In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is

ORDERED that:

1. The judge assigned to First Appearance (magistrates) shall be an acting Circuit Court Judge for the purpose of handling all matters at First Appearance and appointing counsel pursuant to Fla. Stat. 27.52 and Fla. Stat. 27.5304.
2. Upon being presented indigency forms completed by in custody defendants or juveniles, in the absence of the parent(s) or legal guardian, the Clerk shall conduct the indigency inquiry mandated by Fla. Stat. 27.52. If the clerk finds that an applicant is indigent, the clerk shall promptly submit the approved application to the judge assigned to First Appearance (magistrates) for the purpose of appointing counsel. If the clerk determines that an applicant is not indigent, the Public Defender or the applicant may request that the indigency determination be reviewed by the judge assigned to First Appearance or the judge assigned to the case.
3. This order rescinds and replaces Administrative Order III-05-A-7.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this 3rd day of March, 2005.

/s/DALE ROSS
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge