

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. III-97-C-8

IN RE:

PRISONER RELEASE

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WHEREAS: it is the responsibility of the Chief Judge to develop a plan for the efficient and proper administration of the courts within the circuit, to assure the prompt disposition of cases by controlling dockets or otherwise causing the same to be brought current;

WHEREAS: it is the responsibility of the Chief Judge to regularly examine the status of each inmate in the Broward County Detention facility;

WHEREAS: the Broward County Detention facility is currently under the constraints of a federal jail cap order;

WHEREAS: it has been brought to the Court's attention, certain prisoners are being released from the Broward County Jail, who have or may have detainers lodged against them in the form of a previously issued capias, out-of state hold, civil writ(s) of attachment, served and unserved probation violation warrants, etc. All of these result in a disruption of the proper administration of the court's affairs, and may result in a threat or danger to the public;

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge, by Rule 2.050(3)(7) and (8) of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby ORDERED THAT:

The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs of Broward County, Florida are ordered to release any and all prisoners/persons from the Broward County Detention facility (jail) only after all normal booking and exit procedures, as required, have been completed. This order shall apply to all prisoners, including prisoners sentenced to time served, sentence prisoners, prisoners released upon their own recognizance, bond or surety.

This order shall not act to restrict the assigned or presiding judge from ordering to the contrary, or to fashion any other pre-trial release or post sentence requirement(s), as that judge shall deem fit and proper, based upon the law and facts of any individual or particular case.

This Order shall replace and supersede Administrative Order III-95-C-8.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on this the 7th day of April, 1997.

/s/DALE ROSS
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge