

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. VI-91-A-4A

IN RE:

CIVIL TRAFFIC INFRACTION  
MAGISTRATES

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In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, and pursuant to F.S. 318.30 et seq., it is

ORDERED that:

1. A Civil Traffic Infraction Magistrate Program has been created in Broward County, pursuant to F.S. 318.30 et seq.

2. After July 1, 1991, Traffic Magistrates shall have original jurisdiction of all traffic infractions, where a plea of not guilty has been entered, except:

- A. Infractions involving an accident resulting in injury or death.
- B. Infractions issued in conjunction with a criminal traffic offense.

3. After July 1, 1991, All infractions within the jurisdiction of traffic magistrates, where a plea of not guilty has been entered, shall only be disposed of by traffic magistrates, unless the option to have the matter heard by a County Judge has been properly and timely exercised pursuant to F.S. 318.32(5).

4. After July 1, 1991, if the option has been properly and timely exercised pursuant to F.S. 318.32(5), those cases (including cases originating from Satellite Courthouses) shall be scheduled for an infraction pretrial conference in the Central Courthouse, before a County Court Judge. Those cases shall not be set for trial, in front of a County Court Judge, unless an infraction pretrial conference has taken place. All "option trials" will be at the Central Courthouse.

5. The request of a Defendant for a County Court Judge to hear the infraction must be contained in a Notice of Appearance or a Written Plea, in order to be a proper request under F.S. 318.32(5).

6. Unless the request is made prior to, or at the time of, the evening traffic proceeding date assigned to that case, it shall be considered untimely.

7. If a Defendant's request is improper or untimely, the case will be heard by a Traffic Magistrate.

8. The Traffic Magistrates will be hired as independent contractors by the Chief Judge, and will serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge.

DONE AND ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 4th day of June, 1991.

/s/DALE ROSS  
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge