

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

Order Number 2008-2-Crim

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY COURT
IN CUSTODY DEFENDANTS**

(a) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall “develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within that circuit.”

(b) The transportation of individuals in the control and custody of the Broward Sheriff is a security risk to the citizens of Broward County as evidenced by the death of a deputy sheriff when transporting an inmate to court.

(c) The continued transportation of inmates to the satellite courthouses is a safety and security risk to the citizens of Broward County which can be reduced by the transportation of individuals in the control and custody of the Broward Sheriff to the Central Courthouse for a hearing.

(d) The judiciary is able to assist the Sheriff in reducing expenditures by transporting inmates only to the Central Courthouse so that other public safety expenditures are not cut thereby jeopardizing the safety of the citizens of and visitors to Broward County, Florida.

(e) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is ordered:

(1) Commencing on January 14, 2008, if an individual is in the custody of the Broward County Sheriff for an offense within the jurisdiction of the county court, the individuals shall not be transported to the satellite courthouses for hearings.

(2) If an individual is in the custody of the Broward County Sheriff for a case with a designation of 20, 30, or 40, the case shall be randomly assigned a central case number and scheduled for a hearing before the judges assigned to divisions MA, MB, MD, MH, MJ, MM, MP, MQ, MS, MT and MW.

(3) At the time of reassignment of a case, but excluding violations of probations, no later than five (5) business days after the individual’s magistrate hearing the Clerk of Court shall set the case on the newly assigned judge’s first available docket.

(4) At the time of reassignment of a violation of probation case, the Clerk of Court shall provide to the Probation Office a list of cases reassigned on a daily basis. The Probation Officer shall then contact the central courthouse judge to schedule any required hearings for a violation of probation within three (3) business days of the reassignment.

(5) The Clerk of Court shall transport the court file from the satellite courthouse to the central courthouse and maintain the court file at the central courthouse until final disposition of the case.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on January 7, 2008.

/s Victor Tobin
Victor Tobin, Chief Judge