

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

Administrative Order No. 2017-60-Civ

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING THE TRANSPORT OF
INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO INVOLUNTARY CIVIL COMMITMENT
PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO PART V, CHAPTER 394, FLORIDA
STATUTES, IN THE WEST TOWER OF THE BROWARD COUNTY
COURTHOUSE**

- (a) The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit is compelled to handle cases involving the involuntary civil commitment of sexually violent predators pursuant to Part V, Chapter 394, Florida Statutes.
- (b) Pursuant to Administrative Order 2015-8-Civ, all open and active cases filed pursuant to Part V, Chapter 394, Florida Statutes, are assigned to Circuit Civil Division 07.
- (c) These proceedings require extensive case management to comply with applicable laws and rules of procedure, and often require the attendance of those individuals who have been involuntarily committed and are placed at the Civil Commitment Center.
- (d) It is incumbent upon the Broward Sheriff's Office to assist in the movement and transport of these individuals within the West Tower of the Broward County Courthouse when their attendance is required for court proceedings.
- (e) In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED**:
- (1) The Broward Sheriff's Office shall cooperate with representatives of the Civil Commitment Center to permit entry into the West Tower of the Broward County Courthouse and assure that any individual subject to proceedings pursuant to Part V, Chapter 394, Florida Statutes, is transported to any courtroom as ordered by the presiding judge.

(2) The Broward Sheriff's Office shall also assist representatives of the Civil Commitment Center to ensure that these individuals are able to safely exit the West Tower of the Broward County Courthouse for transport back to the Civil Commitment Center.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this, 27th day of September, 2017.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge