

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. III-88-A-1

IN RE:

ASSIGNMENTS:
FELONY DIVISION

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. Defendants arrested on felony charges shall be assigned by computer within 24 hours of the Magistrate hearing except on weekends and holidays which will be assigned the following workday to a Criminal Division of the Circuit Court. Defendants who have active pending felony cases shall be assigned to the Criminal Division with the lowest number. Probation violations shall be heard by the judge who placed that defendant on probation. Probation violations in cases in which the sentencing judge is no longer in the Criminal Division shall remain with that Criminal Division caseload and any judge assigned thereto. Defendants in such cases who are charged with subsequent felonies shall likewise be assigned to the Division with jurisdiction over the probation violation. In no case shall the judge automatically continue to have the jurisdiction over a defendant when the probationary period has expired.

2. In cases in which the information or indictment is filed prior to the arrest of the defendant, both the case number and the Division shall be assigned when the case is filed.

3. When a judge is transferred from the Criminal Division, she or he shall, for the purpose of sentencing, retain those cases in which he or she presided over the trial or accepted a guilty plea.

4. Defendants who bond out of jail or are otherwise released prior to arraignment shall receive from the Clerk, the notice of arraignment date, location and judge.

5. Arraignments for persons who bond out shall be set ten days from the date of case filing, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Arraignments for in-custody defendants shall be scheduled within three (3) days following case filing, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

6. Criminal Division Judges shall arraign defendants at least thrice weekly except on weekends and court holidays. If the assigned judge is not available, such arraignments shall be conducted by the judge's alternate.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this First day of November, 1988.

/S/MIETTE K. BURNSTEIN
MIETTE K. BURNSTEIN, Chief Judge