

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

Administrative Order 2018-94-UFC

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE
FOR HEARINGS ON CHILD SUPPORT WRITS OF ARREST ON
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CASES ONLY**

(a) Pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.

(b) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge “shall, considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit.”

(c) In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statute, and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

(1) Any person who is detained on a civil writ for failure to comply with an order to pay child support where the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) is a party shall be brought to a room of the West Wing of the Broward County Courthouse designated by the Broward Sheriff’s Office at 1:30 p.m. the next court business day following his or her arrest. The Broward Sheriff’s Office shall be responsible for reserving and designating the appropriate room each day.

(2) An attorney for the DOR shall be physically present in the room designated by the Broward Sheriff’s Office at 1:30 p.m. each court business day.

(3) If an agreement is reached between DOR and the individual detained on the writ, the attorney for DOR shall prepare and deliver an order to the Judge assigned to Backup Domestic Violence coverage. The judge assigned to Backup Domestic Violence coverage shall be available between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. each court business day for which he or she is assigned to such duty in order to execute any such order.

(4) If an agreement cannot be reached between DOR and the individual detained on the writ, the attorney for DOR shall contact the assigned judge so that a hearing can occur. If the assigned judge is unavailable, the attorney for DOR shall contact the judge assigned to Backup Domestic Violence duty who shall immediately hold a hearing.

(5) Upon arresting an individual on a writ of arrest for failure to comply with an order to pay child support, the Broward Sheriff's Office shall notify appropriate individuals with DOR and Court Administration and advise as to the date and time the individual will be transported to the room location designated by the Broward Sheriff's Office.

(6) For all cases not involving DOR, the Broward Sheriff's Office shall contact the assigned judge to coordinate the scheduling of the hearing and transportation of the individual.

(7) This Administrative Order supersedes and vacates Administrative Order 2018-88-UFC.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 24th day of October, 2018.

/s/Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge