

April 23, 2020

AMENDED 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MISDEMEANOR PLEA DOCKET

FOR ALL UNREPRESENTED INDIVIDUALS AND ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR

Notice is hereby given to all unrepresented individuals and attorneys representing individuals charged with a misdemeanor offense in Broward County and wishing to resolve their case. The 17th Judicial County Court will be setting the case on a docket to resolve such cases remotely. Cases may be resolved either by telephone or by using the zoom platform.

The requirements to place such a case on a docket are:

- 1. If the resolution is pursuant to a plea agreement between the state and the defendant, all parties and the defendant must stipulate to resolving the case remotely**
- 2. If the defendant is pleading open to the court, the defendant and defense counsel must stipulate to resolving the case remotely**
- 3. All necessary paperwork to resolve the case must be signed and completed prior to the case being heard by the court**
- 4. The Defendant must be present or a waiver of appearance, authority to represent and notarized plea in absentia must be executed by the defendant and filed with the clerk of court**
- 5. All hearings will be conducted remotely, no face-to-face contact**
- 6. The clerk of court and court reporter will attend the hearings remotely**
- 7. If an interpreter is needed, it is the responsibility of defense counsel to arrange for the interpreter and the interpreter will be permitted to attend remotely**
- 8. Any unrepresented individual or attorney wishing to place a case on the docket for resolution shall contact the assigned judge by calling or sending an email to the judge's division email containing the style of the case, case number and contact information of the attorneys involved**
- 9. If the Court determines the case meets criteria, a date, time and mechanism of the hearing (phone or zoom) will be provided to all counsel**
- 10. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any case from this special docket**
- 11. Prior to the case being heard by the Court all efforts must be made for Defense counsel to contact the State Attorney's Office and enter into plea discussions**