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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. VI-03-B-5

IN RE:
CONSOLIDATION
COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES

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In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is

ORDERED THAT:

1. Defendants arrested on new misdemeanor or criminal traffic charges who have other active pending misdemeanor or criminal traffic cases shall be assigned to the County Court Criminal Division with the lowest case number. A Defendant who is arrested on new charges and who has an outstanding capias on other charges shall have the new charge assigned to the County Court Criminal Division in which the outstanding capias was issued. Defendants who are arrested on new misdemeanor or traffic criminal charges and who are at the time still on probation ordered by the County Court, shall have the new charges assigned to the Criminal Division in which the defendant is then on probation.

2. When a defendant has two or more misdemeanor/and or traffic criminal cases pending, or is on probation on one or more cases and has additional open pending cases before different Judges, all of said cases shall be transferred to the Judge of the division having the file with the lowest case number. The Clerk of the Court shall effectuate such transfer as soon as it becomes aware of the existence of the multiplicity of cases of a defendant. The defendant and his/her counsel and the State shall notify the court in each case as soon as either learns of the multiplicity of cases of a defendant so as to effectuate a prompt transfer as provided herein.

3. When the State does nol pros a case(s) after it has been arraigned and it is subsequently refiled, that case (and any accompanying Co-Defendants) shall be reassigned to the original Division which first assumed jurisdiction.

4. Where cases are reassigned to the Central Courthouse by transfer from a Satellite Court, the dates of arrest shall be determinative of which case is the earliest in time for the purpose of transfer and consolidation as contemplated in this Order, rather than the actual case numbers of the original Central Courthouse files and the renumbered cases transferred from a Satellite Court.

5. The reassignment of cases under this Order shall not occur when the lower case number is a Satellite case, and where the new offense(s) is one where the defendant is entitled to and has demanded trial by jury.

6. Reassignment of cases under this Order shall not apply for Domestic Violence cases. The assignment of Domestic Violence cases shall be governed by Administrative Order II-94-H-1.

DONE AND ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 24th day of March, 2003.

/s/DALE ROSS
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge