

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

*Administrative Order 2021-64-Crim*

**TRANSFERRING FELONY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES FROM  
DIVISION FV TO DIVISION FZ**

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(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 the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.

(b) Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall “develop an administrative plan” and “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 pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED, effective immediately:**

(1) Felony domestic violence cases where competency is being contested, or where the defendant has been found incompetent to proceed, may be transferred from Division FV to Division FZ for a determination of competency, at the discretion of the Court.

(2) Upon a finding of competence, or if the case is resolved by probation, the case shall then be returned to Division FV.

(3) This Administrative Order supersedes and vacates any previous inconsistent Administrative Order.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 10th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Jack Tuter  
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge