

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

*Administrative Order 2023-4-Crim*

**CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COMPETENCY DOCKET**

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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 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 by 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 February 13, 2023:**

(1) In a circuit criminal division, with the exception of divisions FX and FW, if an in-custody defendant’s competency is raised pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.210, the court shall set the next court date on Division FZ’s Monday afternoon docket at 2:00 p.m. to address the issue of competency. If a finding of incompetency is made, the case shall be transferred to Division FZ.

(2) Once the defendant is adjudicated competent, the case will be transferred back to the assigned circuit criminal division. Should all parties agree to resolve the case in Division FZ, the case may remain in Division FZ for resolution.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this 2nd day of February, 2023.

/s/ Jack Tuter  
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge