

ARI ABRAHAM PORTH  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
FLORIDA



BROWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **DIVISION FZ**

### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES CIRCUIT/FELONY MENTAL HEALTH FZ COURT PROCEDURES**

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General Magistrate (GM) Linda Gonzalez  
JA: Bhowana Rhodes  
GM's chambers: 954-831-6514  
Zoom meeting ID: 868-4978-7605

The Court welcomes appearances on zoom for out of custody clients who are in compliance with their conditions of release. Please note your camera should be on and you should remain muted until your case is called.

The Court hears in custody cases at 8:15am every day.

The Court hears out of custody cases at 9:30am every day.

Longer evidentiary hearings shall be set Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 2pm.

Witnesses may appear by zoom upon the agreement of parties.

Should an evidentiary hearing be cancelled, please provide all parties adequate notice so that the time slot can be used for another case and not wasted.

The Court hears in custody cases transferred in from other trial divisions where competency is contested each Monday at 2pm.

Mental Health Probation status hearings shall be set and heard before General Magistrate Linda Gonzalez on Mondays at 9am and Fridays at 1:30pm.

Felony Mental Health Diversion status hearings shall be set before General Magistrate Linda Gonzalez on Tuesdays at 9am or 1:30pm.

To request the assistance of an interpreter, contact the office of the Office of the Court Interpreter at 954-831-7279 or email to [interpreterrequest@17th.FLCOURTS.org](mailto:interpreterrequest@17th.FLCOURTS.org).