IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS
COUNTY STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE:

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: C97-4** 

FIRST APPEARANCE REQUIRED UPON ISSUANCE OF CAPIAS ON FAILURE TO APPEAR AS WITNESS

THIS MATTER came before the undersigned as Administrative Judge of Citrus

County, and this Court having deemed it necessary to clarify the procedures upon arrest

of a person on a capias or "pick-up order" issued upon failure of the subject to attend as a

witness in any civil or criminal proceeding, and this Court having determined that the

rights of the arrested individual and the interests of judicial efficiency will be served best

by the procedures set forth below, it is thereupon

## ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

- 1. Any person who is arrested and detained in Citrus County under a capias or other order requiring arrest of such person, which capias or order was issued as a result of the individual's failure to appear as a witness or otherwise in any civil or criminal court action, shall be brought before the judge issuing the order within 24 hours of being arrested. If the judge issuing the order is unavailable, unless otherwise specified in the order or capias, the person arrested shall be brought before the duty judge or the first appearance judge within said 24 hour time period.
- 2. On the next working day following the individual's arrest, the Citrus

  County Jail or other facility holding the subject shall notify the office of the judge issuing
  the order that the individual has been detained and shall ensure that such person be

brought before the appropriate judge within said 24 hour time period. The facility holding the individual shall also notify the Clerk and the State Attorney's Office on the next working day as to the date and time of arrest.

DONE AND ORDERED this <u>13</u> Day of January, 1997 in chambers at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida.

PATRICIA THOMAS

AMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

ITRUS COUNTY