

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. C-2006- 11

IN RE:

RELEASE OF CASH BONDS AND
PAYMENT OF COURT FEES, COSTS
AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES

The undersigned having considered (1) Florida Statute 903.286 regarding the payment of fines, fees and court costs from a cash bond and further considering that, (2) whereas upon final disposition of a criminal case, defense attorney's often request the return of and application of the cash bond to them to cover attorney's fees, and therefore said Florida Statute 903.286 specifies that "the Clerk of Court shall withhold from the return of a cash bond posted on behalf of a criminal defendant by a person other than a bail bond agent, licensed pursuant to Chapter 648 sufficient funds to pay any unpaid court fees, court costs and criminal penalties. In the event sufficient funds are not available to pay all unpaid court fees, court costs and criminal penalties, the Clerk of the Court shall immediately obtain payment from the defendant or enroll the defendant pursuant to Florida Statute 28.246", and upon consideration thereof, it is hereby

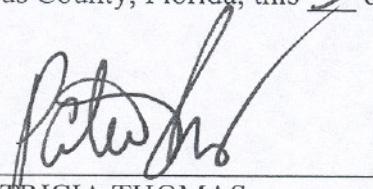
ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. That prior to any release of any such cash bond funds to any defendant, other individual or entity or any attorney or law firm, first the Clerk of Court shall deduct any unpaid court fees, court costs and criminal penalties as may be owed by that defendant in that particular case or any prior case in so far as said bond funds are sufficient to pay same.
2. Any defense attorney seeking a release of such funds towards fees shall submit a proposed order for the release of such fees, but shall include in said order that the release of such funds is subject to payment of any unpaid court fees, court costs and criminal penalties as may be applicable to not only that particular case, but any prior case involving the subject defendant, and that such shall be paid prior to the release of funds to said attorney.

3. Upon payment of any previously unpaid court fees, court costs and criminal penalties, any balance of said cash bond available may be applied and released to any such defense attorney upon proper application and request for same as set forth above.

4. This Order shall be effective as of March 30, 2006.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chamber in Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, this 30 day of March, 2006.



PATRICIA THOMAS
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE