

### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION AND SUMTER COUNTIES



**Daniel B. Merritt, Sr.**Chief Judge

**David M. Trammell**Trial Court Administrator

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# HERNANDO COUNTY July 11, 2012

Jury selection began July 11<sup>th</sup> in The State of Florida v. Wilana Joenel Frazier in Courtroom D with Circuit Judge, Daniel B. Merritt, Jr. presiding. Frazier is charged with two counts of animal cruelty and two counts of contributing to delinquency/dependency of a minor.

The incident that resulted in the alleged charges occurred on or about June 10, 2011 in a Hernando County Park. It is alleged Ms. Frazier beat two kittens with a metal baseball bat in the presence of her two minor children. It is also alleged Frazier stood by while one of the children threw one kitten against a tree and the other child cut one kitten's neck and threw the kitten in a trash can. Both kittens died due to injuries sustained during the incident.

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