

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER: A-2020-37-A

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING  
WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY DUTY 2021  
*(AMENDED AS TO MARION COUNTY ROTATION ONLY)***

The undersigned having considered that (1) Rule 3.130(a) of the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure provides for the prompt first appearance of all arrested persons, (2) it is the opinion of a majority of the Circuit and County Court Judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit that such judges share the responsibility for first appearance duty on weekends and holidays, and (3) matters other than first appearance hearings sometimes arise during weekend and holidays, it is upon consideration thereof and pursuant to Rule 2.215 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. When a single holiday falls within a regular work week the judge assigned to duty the preceding weekend shall also be assigned to duty on such holiday. In Lake and Marion counties, when a holiday falls on a Friday, the duty will switch at noon and the holiday will be split between the two judges on that day. It will be the responsibility of the morning duty judge to handle all bond hearings and shelters.

2. The Administrative Judges of Citrus, Hernando, and Sumter Counties shall enter an appropriate administrative order or otherwise establish policy to provide for availability of a duty judge during periods not covered by this order. In those counties, weekend duty shall begin at 5:00 P.M.

3. In Marion County, the duty judge shall be responsible, on a 24-hour basis, for handling emergency matters in the absence of the judge assigned to the division where the emergency arises, including at all times the courthouse is open.

4. Nothing in this Order shall preclude judges from trading or accepting responsibility for another judge's duty. Should any judge be unavailable for assigned duty it shall be his or her responsibility to contact another judge to be available.

5. It shall be required in Lake County that no later than 11:30 a.m. on the Friday preceding a weekend the on-duty judge shall deliver to the next on duty judge the cell phone and iPad in order to

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provide 24-hour emergency contact with such judge through the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

6. Any County Court Judge on weekend or holiday duty is hereby assigned and appointed to act as a circuit court judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit should an emergency arise requiring the actions of a circuit court judge during his or her duties.

7. The Circuit Court or County Court Judge responsible for weekend or holiday first appearance duty in those counties wherein any juvenile(s) are being held awaiting a judicial hearing pursuant to Chapter 39.F.S. shall also be responsible for conducting such juvenile hearing. It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Children and Family Services to notify the judge on duty of the need for such hearing.

8. The attached document contains the duty rotation schedule. THIS DUTY SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE SEE THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE.

9. The provisions of this Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2021.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at ~~Tavares, Lake~~ <sup>Brooksville</sup> County, Florida, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.



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Daniel B. Merritt, Jr., Chief Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit

## WEEKEND and HOLIDAY DUTY 2021

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JANUARY, 2021

LAKE COUNTY

MARION COUNTY

TRI-COUNTY

1 (Holiday)	Curington AM/Davis PM	Robbins AM/McCune PM	Morley
2,3	Davis	McCune	Morley
9,10	Mosley	Craggs	Barbee
16,17	Nimeth	Jerald	Hallman
18 (Holiday)	Nimeth	Jerald	Hallman
23,24	Metz	Tattl	Healls
30,31	Welke	Landt	Hitzemann

FEBRUARY, 2021

6,7	Takac	Thompson	Falvey
13,14	Baxley	Sanders	Brigham
20,21	Singeltary	Rogers	Yerman
27,28	Pepperman	Hodges	Youmans

MARCH, 2021

6,7	Rada	Hatcher	Eineman
13,14	Curington	Ritterhoff Williams	Howard
20,21	Davis	Bass	Scaglione
27,28	Mosley	Herndon	Toner

APRIL, 2021

2 (Holiday)	Mosley AM/Nimeth PM	Herndon AM/Scott PM	Militeio
3,4	Nimeth	Scott	Militello
10,11	Metz	Robbins	Vergara
17,18	Welke	McCune	Carney
24,25	Takac	Craggs	Merritt, Jr

MAY, 2021

1,2	Baxley	Jerald	Morley
8,9	Singeltary	Tattl	Barbee
15,16	Pepperman	Landt	Hallman
22,23	Rada	Thompson	Healls
29,30	Curington	Sanders	Hitzemann
31 (Holiday)	Curington	Sanders	Hitzemann

JUNE, 2021

5,6	Davis	Rogers	Falvey
12,13	Mosley	Hodges	Brigham
19,20	Nimeth	Hatcher	Yerman
26,27	Metz	Ritterhoff Williams	Youmans

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LAKE COUNTY

MARION COUNTY

TRI-COUNTY

**JULY, 2021**

3,4	Welke	Bass	Eineman
5 (Holiday)	Welke	Bass	Eineman
10,11	Takac	Herndon	Howard
17,18	Baxley	Scott	Scaglione
24,25	Singeltary	Robbins	Toner
31	Pepperman	McCune	Militello

**AUGUST, 2021**

1	Pepperman	McCune	Militello
7,8	Rada	Craggs	Vergara
14,15	Curington	Jerald	Carney
21,22	Davis	Tatti	Merritt, Jr.
28,29	Mosley	Landt	Morley

**SEPTEMBER, 2021**

4,5	Nimeth	Thompson	Barbee
6 (Holiday)	Nimeth	Thompson	Barbee
7 (Holiday)	Nimeth	Thompson	Barbee
11,12	Metz	Sanders	Hallman
16 (Holiday)	Metz	Sanders	Hallman
18,19	Welke	Rogers	Healls
25,26	Takac	Hodges	Hitzemann

**OCTOBER, 2021**

2,3	Baxley	Hatcher	Falvey
9,10	Singeltary	Ritterhoff Williams	Brigham
16,17	Pepperman	Bass	Yerman
23,24	Rada	Herndon	Youmans
30,31	Curington	Scott	Eineman

**NOVEMBER, 2021**

6,7	Davis	Robbins	Howard
11 (Holiday)	Davis	Robbins	Howard
13,14	Mosley	McCune	Scaglione
20,21	Nimeth	Craggs	Toner
25 (Holiday)	Nimeth	Craggs	Militello
26 (Holiday)	Nimeth AM/Metz PM	Craggs AM/Jerald PM	Militello
27,28	Metz	Jerald	Militello

**DECEMBER, 2021**

4,5	Welke	Tatti	Vergara
11,12	Takac	Landt	Carney
18,19	Baxley	Thompson	Merritt Jr.
23 (Holiday)	Baxley	Thompson	Morely
24 (Holiday)	Baxley AM/Singeltary PM	Thompson AM/Sanders PM	Morley
25,26	Singeltary	Sanders	Morley
31 (Holiday)	Singeltary AM/Pepperman PM	Sanders AM/Rogers PM	Barbee