

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER: A-2021-36

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING  
WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY DUTY 2022**

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.

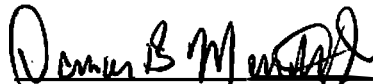
6. Any County Court Judge on weekend or holiday duty is hereby assigned and appointed to act as a circuit court judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit should an emergency arise requiring the actions of a circuit court judge during his or her duties.

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, 2022.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.



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

## WEEKEND and HOLIDAY DUTY 2022

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JANUARY, 2022

LAKE COUNTY

MARION COUNTY

TRI-COUNTY

31 (Holiday)	Singeltary AM/Pepperman PM	Brigham AM/Rogers PM	Barbee
1,2	Pepperman	Rogers	Barbee
8,9	Rada	Hodges	Hallman
15,16	Curington	Hatcher	Healis
17 (Holiday)	Curington	Hatcher	Healis
22,23	Davis	Cotton	Hitzemann
29,30	Mosley	Bass	Falvey

### FEBRUARY, 2022

5,6	Nimeth	Herndon	Fritton
12,13	Metz	Sanders	Yerman
19,20	Welke	Youmans	New Circuit
26,27	Takac	McCune	Eineman

### MARCH, 2022

5,6	Baxley	Craggs	Howard
12,13	Singeltary	Jerald	Scaglione
19,20	Pepperman	Tatti	Toner
26,27	Rada	Landt	Militello

### APRIL, 2022

2,3	Curington	Thompson	Vergara
9,10	Davis	Brigham	Carney
15 (Holiday)	Davis AM/Mosley PM	Brigham AM/Rogers PM	New County Judge
16,17	Mosley	Rogers	New County Judge
23,24	Nimeth	Hodges	Morley
30	Metz	Hatcher	Merritt, Jr.

### MAY, 2022

1	Metz	Hatcher	Merritt, Jr.
7,8	Welke	Cotton	Barbee
14,15	Takac	Bass	Hallman
21,22	Baxley	Herndon	Healis
28,29	Singeltary	Sanders	Hitzemann
30 (Holiday)	Singeltary	Sanders	Hitzemann

### JUNE, 2022

4,5	Pepperman	Youmans	Falvey
11,12	Rada	McCune	Fritton
18,19	Curington	Craggs	Yerman
25,26	Davis	Jerald	New Circuit Judge

LAKE COUNTY

MARION COUNTY

TRI-COUNTY

2,3	Mosley	Tatti	Eineman
4 (Holiday)	Mosley	Tatti	Eineman
9,10	Nimeth	Landt	Howard
16,17	Metz	Thompson	Scaglione
23,24	Welke	Brigham	Toner
30,31	Takac	Rogers	Militello

AUGUST, 2022

6,7	Baxley	Hodges	Vergara
13,14	Singeltary	Hatcher	Carney
20,21	Pepperman	Cotton	New County Judge
27,28	Rada	Bass	Morley

SEPTEMBER, 2022

3,4	Curington	Herndon	Merritt, Jr.
5 (Holiday)	Curington	Herndon	Merritt, Jr.
10,11	Davis	Sanders	Barbee
17,18	Mosley	Youmans	Hallman
24,25	Nimeth	McCune	Healis
26 (Holiday)	Nimeth	McCune	Healis

OCTOBER, 2022

1,2	Metz	Craggs	Hitzemann
5 (Holiday)	Metz	Craggs	Hitzemann
8,9	Welke	Jerald	Falvey
15,16	Takac	Tatti	Fritton
22,23	Baxley	Landt	Yerman
29,30	Singeltary	Thompson	New Circuit Judge

NOVEMBER, 2022

5,6	Pepperman	Brigham	Eineman
11 (Holiday)	Pepperman AM/Rada PM	Brigham AM/Rogers PM	Howard
12,13	Rada	Rogers	Howard
19,20	Curington	Hodges	Scaglione
24 (Holiday)	Curington	Hodges	Toner
25 (Holiday)	Curington AM/Davis PM	Hodges AM/Hatcher PM	Toner
26,27	Davis	Hatcher	Toner

DECEMBER, 2022

3,4	Mosley	Cotton	Militello
10,11	Nimeth	Bass	Vergara
17,18	Metz	Herndon	Carney
23 (Holiday)	Metz AM/Welke PM	Herndon AM/Sanders PM	New County Judge
24,25	Welke	Sanders	New County Judge
26 (Holiday)	Welke	Sanders	New County Judge
31,1	Takac	Youmans	Morley