

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER: A-2022-32-B

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING
WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY DUTY 2023**
(Amended only to add Judge Spaight and Judge Barnes to the Duty Roster)

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, 2023.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, this 16th day of Nov., 2022.



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

WEEKEND and HOLIDAY DUTY 2023

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JANUARY, 2023

LAKE COUNTY

MARION COUNTY

TRI-COUNTY

2 (Holiday)	Takac	Youmans	Morley
7,8	New County Judge	Barnes	Merritt Jr.
14,15	Baxley	Craggs	Barbee
16 (Holiday)	Baxley	Craggs	Barbee
21, 22	Singeltary	Jerald	Hatcher
28,29	Pepperman	Tatti	Bell

FEBRUARY, 2023

4,5	Rada	Landt	Hitzemann
11,12	Curington	Thompson	Falvey
18,19	Davis	Brigham	Fritton
25,26	Mosley	Rogers	Spaight

MARCH, 2023

4,5	Jones	Hodges	Nimeth
11,12	Metz	Healis	Eineman
18,19	Welke	Cotton	Howard
25,26	Takac	Bass	Scaglione

APRIL, 2023

1,2	New County Judge	Herndon	Toner
7 (Holiday)	New County Judge AM/Baxley PM	Herndon AM / Sanders PM	Militello
8,9	Baxley	Sanders	Militello
15,16	Singeltary	Youmans	Vergara
22,23	Pepperman	Barnes	Carney
29,30	Rada	Craggs	Helm

MAY, 2023

6,7	Curington	Jerald	Morley
13,14	Davis	Tatti	Merritt Jr.
20,21	Mosley	Landt	Barbee
27,28	Jones	Thompson	Hatcher
29 (Holiday)	Jones	Thompson	Hatcher

JUNE, 2023

3,4	Metz	Brigham	Bell
10,11	Welke	Rogers	Hitzemann
17,18	Takac	Hodges	Falvey
24,25	New County Judge	Healis	Fritton

LAKE COUNTY

MARION COUNTY

TRI-COUNTY

1,2	Baxley	Cotton	Spaight
4 (Holiday)	Baxley	Cotton	Spaight
8,9	Singeltary	Bass	Nimeth
15,16	Pepperman	Herndon	Eineman
22,23	Rada	Sanders	Howard
29,30	Curington	Youmans	Scaglione

AUGUST, 2023

5,6	Davis	Barnes	Toner
12,13	Mosley	Craggs	Militello
19,20	Jones	Jerald	Vergara
26,27	Metz	Tatti	Carney

SEPTEMBER, 2023

2,3	Welke	Landt	Helm
4 (Holiday)	Welke	Landt	Helm
9,10	Takac	Thompson	Morley
16,17	New County Judge	Brigham	Merritt Jr.
23,24	Baxley	Rogers	Barbee
25 (Holiday)	Baxley	Rogers	Barbee
30	Singeltary	Hodges	Hatcher

OCTOBER, 2023

1	Singeltary	Hodges	Hatcher
7,8	Pepperman	Healis	Bell
14,15	Rada	Cotton	Hitzemann
21,22	Curington	Bass	Falvey
28,29	Davis	Herndon	Fritton

NOVEMBER, 2023

4,5	Mosley	Sanders	Spaight
10 (Holiday)	Mosley AM / Jones PM	Sanders AM / PM Youmans	Nimeth
11,12	Jones	Youmans	Nimeth
18,19	Metz	Barnes	Eineman
23 (Holiday)	Metz	Barnes	Howard
24 (Holiday)	Metz AM / Welke PM	Barnes AM / PM Craggs	Howard
25,26	Welke	Craggs	Howard

DECEMBER, 2023

2,3	Takac	Jerald	Scaglione
9,10	New County Judge	Tatti	Toner
16,17	Baxley	Landt	Militello
23,24	Singeltary	Thompson	Vergara
25 (Holiday)	Singeltary	Thompson	Vergara
26 (Holiday)	Singeltary	Thompson	Vergara
30,31	Pepperman	Brigham	Carney