

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS
COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: *C-2023-6*

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER FOR OPERATION "LUCKY STRIKE" MARCH 8, 9, 10, 11
AND 12, 2023 IN CITRUS COUNTY

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office, in connection with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, various other Sheriff's Offices, and law enforcement agencies, are conducting an undercover internet operation in an attempt to investigate internet crimes and individuals who arrange meetings with children over the internet to engage in sexual activity. These individuals may travel to Citrus County to an undisclosed location as a result of the investigation and arrests may follow. The investigation will arrange for arrests of certain individuals engaged in this type of criminal activity to occur on the dates mentioned above. There is a concern that if a person arrested is released on bond and accesses the internet, he/she could electronically post and disseminate information about the undercover operation over the internet to other individuals. Such actions would reveal the existence of this undercover operation, as well as could endanger the law enforcement officers involved. In order to preserve the integrity of the ongoing investigation, as well as the safety of the law enforcement officers involved in the operation, it is necessary to implement certain conditions of pre-trial release in the form of this Administrative Order prior to the operation.

It is hereby Ordered and adjudged that the following conditions of pre-trial release shall be imposed at first appearances for individuals arrested in connection with operation "Lucky Strike":

1. The Defendant must post bond of \$25,000.00 per count under Fla. Stat. §847.0135 and/or Fla. Stat. §847.0138. Any other charges will have the standard bond set according to the Administrative Order dictating the bond schedule for the Fifth Circuit.

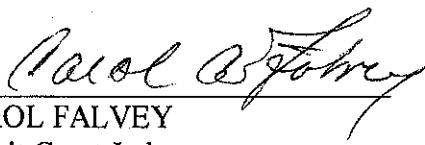
2. As a condition of pre-trial release, the Court shall order the following special conditions:

- a. Defendant may not have any contact with any child under the age of 18 years.
- b. Defendant may not possess or utilize any computers or electronic devices capable of connecting to the internet.

3. No Judge conducting First Appearances is authorized to reduce bonds imposed under Fla. Stat. §847.0135 and/or Fla. Stat. §847.0138 for purposes of this operation between March 8 – 12, 2023.

It is further ordered that this Administrative Order be Sealed until March 15, 2023, in order to preserve the integrity of an ongoing criminal investigation and the safety of the law enforcement officers involved.

DONE AND ORDERED, In Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, this 27th day of February, 2023.


CAROL FALVEY
Circuit Court Judge