

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: C-2025-55

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER FOR OPERATION "BOOGEYMAN" OCTOBER 15, 16, 17, 18,
AND 19, 2025 IN CITRUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, persons arrested and charged with crimes or violations of municipal or county ordinances have a right to be released from jail custody on reasonable bond, if the offense is bondable and there are no circumstances adverse to release; and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida issued Administrative Order No.: AOSC23-88 IN RE: UNIFORM STATEWIDE BOND SCHEDULE, on December 12, 2023, to be effective January 1, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the uniform statewide bond schedule "applies when the police or county jail or pretrial release employees exercise their discretion to release a person on bond before that person's first appearance hearing[.]" and "shall not bind a judge in an individual case who is conducting a first appearance hearing or bail determination[.]" and,

WHEREAS, AOSC23-88 provides that the Chief Judge may establish a local bond schedule that adds conditions of release and/or increases the bond amount above those required by the Uniform Statewide Bond Schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 2.215(5) of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration permits the Chief Judge to designate a judge in any court or court division as an Administrative Judge; and;

WHEREAS, 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 designated "Operation Boogeyman"; and,

WHEREAS, individuals may travel from outside Citrus County to an undisclosed location within Citrus County for the purpose of committing criminal activity of the type targeted by Operation Boogeyman, and be arrested October 15 through and including October 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, there is a compelling concern that a person who is arrested as a result of Operation Boogeyman when released on bond will access the internet, and he/she would electronically post and disseminate information about the undercover operation over the internet to other individuals, and such

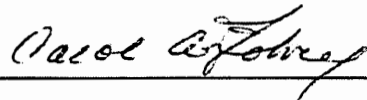
actions would reveal the existence of this undercover operation, as well as potentially endanger the law enforcement officers involved; and,

WHEREAS, 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 add certain uniform conditions of pre-trial release and bonds for the individuals arrested as a result of the Operation; therefore it is,

HEREBY ORDERED that the following conditions of pre-trial release apply to individuals arrested in connection with Operation Boogeyman:

1. Due to the nature and probability of danger that the release of a defendant charged as a result of Operation Boogeyman would pose to the community, the Defendant must post a bond of no less than \$25,000.00 per count brought under Fla. Stat. §847.0135 and/or Fla. Stat. §847.0138. All other alleged violations not related to the crimes being investigated through Operation Boogeyman will be subject to the amounts as found in Administrative Order A-2024-02 RE: the Fifth Judicial Circuit Bond Schedule.
2. The following special conditions shall apply to those individuals arrested as a result of Operation Boogeyman and otherwise eligible for pre-trial release as found in paragraph 1. immediately above:
 - a. Defendant shall have no contact with any child under the age of 18 years.
 - b. Defendant shall not possess or utilize any computers or electronic devices capable of connecting to the internet.
3. Nothing in this Administrative Order abrogates the duty of the Court at First Appearance under 3.131, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, to impose conditions of release that will reasonably protect the community from risk of physical harm to persons, assure the presence of the accused at trial, or assure the integrity of the judicial process.
4. This Administrative Order shall be Sealed until October 21, 2025, 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 7th day of October, 2025.


CAROL A. FALVEY
Administrative Judge
Citrus County