## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4.603-11/23\*

# IN RE: COUNTY CRIMINAL REGIONS/ BRANCH COURTHOUSES

The court is committed to providing judicial services at convenient locations consistent with the efficient and sound administration of justice and the court has concluded that the foregoing principle dictates that county criminal services be provided at the branch courthouses in addition to the main county courthouse;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of **General Practice &** Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

### A. COUNTY CRIMINAL DIVISION REGIONS

- 1. The Criminal Division of the County Court, Palm Beach County, Florida, shall be divided into four separate regions The Northern Region, Southern Region, Western Region, and Central Region.
- 2. All cases assigned to the Northern Region will be heard in the North County Courthouse, 3188 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, 33410.
- 3. All cases assigned to the Southern Region will be heard in the South County Courthouse, 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida, 33444.
- 4. All cases assigned to the Western Region will be heard in the West County Courthouse, 3884 State Road 80, Belle Glade, Florida
- 5. All cases assigned to the Central Region will be heard in the Main Courthouse, 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, Florida, 3340l.

## **B. JURISDICTIONAL AREAS**

- 1. The geographical jurisdictional area of the NORTHERN REGION shall be as follows: Bounded on the South by the northern city limits of West Palm Beach, and on the west by State Road 710 (Beeline Highway). Citations requiring a mandatory hearing before a judge, shall be scheduled at the North County Courthouse by the following departments:
  - 1. Palm Beach Gardens
  - 2. Florida Highway Patrol: Troop J NB, and Troop K NB,

- 3. Riviera Beach
- 4. Tequesta
- 5. Juno Beach
- 6. Jupiter
- 7. North Palm Beach
- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office: District 2 (City of Mangonia Park) District 3 (unincorporated North County areas), District 10 (City of Lake Park) District 20 (Palm Beach Shores) and Citations for any PBSO Unit marked NB
- 2. The geographical jurisdictional area of the SOUTHERN REGION shall be as follows: the boundary shall be the northern city limits of Lantana and continuing south to the Southern County Border and West to the North-South boundary of 20 mile Bend. Citations requiring a mandatory hearing before a judge, shall be scheduled at the South County Courthouse by the following departments:
  - 1. Boca Raton 2. Boynton Beach Delray Beach 3. Gulfstream 4. Highland Beach 5. 6. Hypoluxo 7. Lantana Manalapan 8. 9. Ocean Ridge 10. Florida Atlantic University 11. Atlantis Florida Highway Patrol: Troop JSB, Troop KSB, Troop LSB 12. 13. Department of Transportation Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office: District 4 (unincorporated 14. Delray Beach area), District 6 (unincorporated Western Boynton Beach/Delray area), District 7 (unincorporated Boca Raton area), District 19 (South Palm Beach), any PBSO Unit marked SB
- 3. The geographical jurisdictional area of the WESTERN REGION shall be as follows: That portion of Palm Beach County, Florida, lying west of a north-south line at 20-Mile Bend. Citations requiring a mandatory hearing before a judge, shall be scheduled at the West County Courthouse by the following departments:
  - 1. Florida Highway Patrol west of the 20 mile bend
  - 2. Department of Transportation west of 20 mile bend
  - 3. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office: District 5 (unincorporated Western Palm Beach County), District 11 (City of South Bay), District 12 (City of Pahokee), District 13 (City of Belle Glade), and any PBSO unit marked WB

- 4. The geographical jurisdictional area of the MAIN/CENTRAL COURTHOUSE shall be as follows: All areas within Palm Beach County not included in paragraphs 1-3 above. Citations requiring a mandatory hearing before a judge, shall be scheduled at the <u>Criminal Justice Complex</u> by the following departments:
  - 1. West Palm Beach
  - **2.** Lake Clarke Shores
  - **3.** Town of Palm Beach
  - 4. Palm Springs
  - 5. FHP Troop L (effective January 8, 2024)
  - 6. Palm Beach Sheriff's Office: District 1 (unincorporated West Palm Beach area), District 8 (City of Wellington), District 9 (City of Royal Palm Beach), District 14 (City of Lake Worth), District 15 (unincorporated Loxahatchee area), District 16 (City of Greenacres), District 17 (City of Loxahatchee Groves), District 18 (City of Westlake), Airport and any PBSO Unit marked MB

**DONE** and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

Glenn Kelley Chief Judge

Supersedes admin. order 4.603-11/19