

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4.604-9/08*

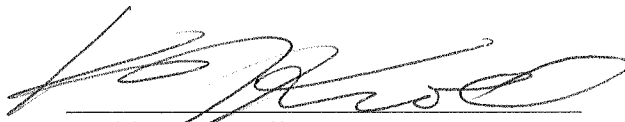
IN RE: REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE OF
MISDEMEANOR ARRAIGNMENTS AT
BRANCH COURTHOUSES

There is an increasing volume of misdemeanor arraignments scheduled at the Branch Courthouses and there is a concomitant increase in the requests for continuance of arraignment filed by the defendant. A written request for continuance signed by the defendant operates as a waiver of speedy trial. The Office of the State Attorney has agreed to the continuance of arraignment one time for a period of no more than thirty (30) days upon the filing of a written request for continuance signed by the defendant.

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

1. Cases set for misdemeanor arraignment at the branch courthouses shall be continued by the clerk once for a period of no more than thirty (30) days if a written request for continuance is filed by the defendant prior to the originally scheduled arraignment date and time.
2. The defendant's written request for continuance shall be made part of the court file.

29 **DONE AND SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this day of September, 2008.


Kathleen J. Kroll
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 10.013-8/99 (as it pertains to misdemeanor arraignments)