

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4.606-6/09

IN RE: TRANSPORTING OF IN-CUSTODY
COUNTY COURT CRIMINAL OFFENDERS

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The transportation of incarcerated individuals charged with misdemeanor and criminal traffic offenses from the Palm Beach County Jail to the North County and South County branch courthouses requires the expenditure of additional funds and personnel than is required if an incarcerated individual was transported to the Main Judicial Complex.

In an effort to assist the taxpayers of Palm Beach County with the rising cost associated with transporting incarcerated offenders to and from the Palm Beach County Jail and the Branch Courthouses, the County Court Criminal Judges have agreed to a procedure to minimize the cost of transportation while protecting the due process rights of the individuals.

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

1. In-custody offenders charged with misdemeanor or criminal traffic offenses shall not be transported to the South County Branch Courthouse or the North County Branch Courthouse unless otherwise specifically ordered by the Branch Courthouse Judge assigned to the matter.
2. All in-custody offenders charged with misdemeanor or criminal traffic offenses who do not resolve their case(s) at the Criminal Justice Complex located at 3228 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida pursuant to Administrative Order 4.201, shall make their court appearances before a County Court Criminal Judge located at the Main Courthouse.
3. In-custody defendants previously assigned to a South or North County division shall not be transported.
4. The Clerk and Comptroller shall randomly assign the above cases to a County Court Criminal Judge located at the Main Judicial Complex.

DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida
this 12 day of June, 2009.


Kathleen J. Kroll, Chief Judge