

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2015-039 PA-CIR

**RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CRIMINAL, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, JUVENILE
DEPENDENCY AND TRAFFIC CASES IN PASCO COUNTY**

The Pasco County Sheriff has requested realignment of the boundary lines used to determine the assignment of criminal, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, and traffic cases in the County to improve the effective and efficient provision of his agencies law enforcement services. To simplify the assignment of dependency cases by a private party, the Pasco Clerk of the Circuit Court has requested retention of the current boundary line used in those cases.

In order to provide for the orderly assignment of criminal, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, and traffic cases in Pasco County, in accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and § 43.26, Florida Statutes, it is

ORDERED:

1. The Pasco Clerk of the Circuit Court (Clerk) will designate circuit and county criminal, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, and traffic cases in Pasco County as East Pasco County cases or as West Pasco County cases in accordance with this Administrative Order. Once designated, the Clerk will assign cases to the appropriate section at the Robert D. Sumner Judicial Center in Dade City, or to the West Pasco Judicial Center in New Port Richey.

2. The Clerk will designate a circuit or county criminal, juvenile delinquency, or traffic case as an East Pasco County case when:

a. It relates to an area of Pasco County situated on or east of the boundary line established using US Highway 41 from the northern county boundary south until it intersects with Dale Mabry Highway and thence south on Dale Mabry Highway until the southern county boundary; or

b. It relates to an area west of the boundary line described above in 2.a., *and* it relates to the following Section, Township, and Ranges west of US Highway 41: 022618, 032618, 042518, 092518, 102418, 102618, 112418, 112618, 142418, 142618, 152418, 152518, 162418, 162518, 172518, 212418, 212518, 222418, 222518, 262518, 272418, 272518, 282418, 282518, 332418, 332518, 342518, 352518.

3. The Clerk will designate a circuit or county criminal, juvenile delinquency, or traffic case as a West Pasco County case when it relates to an area in Pasco County that is not described in paragraph 2 of this Administrative Order.

4. The Clerk will designate a juvenile dependency case that arises from a complaint by the Pasco County Sheriff or other law enforcement (law enforcement) under Chapter 39, Florida Statutes, as an East Pasco County case or as a West Pasco County case according to the area as it

relates in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Administrative Order. Law enforcement must identify in the “Notice to Parents/Guardians/Legal Custodians” on the Affidavit and Petition for Placement in Shelter (Fla. R. Juv. P. Form 8.960), the name of the courthouse to which any dependency case should be assigned. Law enforcement must also indicate next to “Juvenile Division” in the header of an Affidavit and Petition for Placement in Shelter, or of a Petition for Dependency (Fla. R. Juv. P. Form 8.964), whether the case should be assigned to East Pasco or West Pasco in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3. For any case relating to an area described in paragraph 2.b., law enforcement must also indicate the Section, Township, and Range. The Clerk will designate a juvenile dependency case that arises from a complaint by the Department of Children and Families without prior law enforcement involvement under Chapter 39, Florida Statutes, as an East Pasco County case or as a West Pasco County case according to the respective area east or west of the boundary line described in subparagraph 2.a. of this Administrative Order. The Clerk will designate a juvenile dependency case that arises from a complaint by a private party under Chapter 39, Florida Statutes, as an East Pasco County case or as a West Pasco County case according to the respective area east or west of the boundary line described in subparagraph 2.a. of this Administrative Order.

5. For all circuit and county criminal, and juvenile delinquency cases, the applicable law enforcement officer must indicate on the Pasco County Complaint Affidavit next to the agency designation, whether the case should be assigned to East Pasco or West Pasco in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3. For any case relating to an area described in paragraph 2.b., the law enforcement officer must also indicate the Section, Township, and Range at the top of the Pasco County Complaint Affidavit.

6. For all traffic cases, law enforcement must indicate on the Uniform Traffic Citation next to the designation for “County of” Pasco, whether the case should be assigned to East Pasco or West Pasco in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3. For any case relating to an area described in paragraph 2.b., law enforcement must also indicate the Section, Township, and Range at the top of the citation.

7. This Administrative Order does not prohibit the Chief Judge or the Pasco Administrative Judge from reassigning cases when determined necessary for the prompt and efficient administration of justice. This Administrative Order does not prohibit an unassigned judge from presiding over, hearing, or disposing of cases by agreement of the affected judges.

8. This Administrative Order does not affect the assignments in Pasco County of circuit civil cases, or probate and guardianship cases in accordance with Administrative Orders PA-CIR-97-20 and PA-CIR-97-21 respectively. This Administrative Order does not affect the selection and assignment of jurors conducted in accordance with Administrative Order 2014-020 PA-CIR. To the extent that it is not inconsistent with this Administrative Order, Administrative Order PA-CTY-00-10 remains in effect. Administrative Order PA-CIR-00-12 is rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this ____ day of August 2015.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON AUGUST 13, 2015
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Pasco Judges
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender
The Honorable Paula O'Neil, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County
The Honorable Chris Nocco, Sheriff, Pasco County
Gay Inskeep, Trial Courts Administrator
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Nichole Alvarez-Sowles, Chief Operations Officer, Pasco County Clerk's Office
Lillian Simon, Director of Administrative Services for Pasco County
Kimberly Collins, Director of Criminal Courts, Pasco County Clerk's Office
Kim Bogart, Chief of Police, New Port Richey Police Department
Robert Lovering, Chief of Police, Port Richey Police Department
Ray Velboom, Chief of Police, Dade City Police Department
David Shears, Chief of Police, Zephyrhills Police Department
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