

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE:

ASSIGNMENT OF FELONY CASES
IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 94-13

WHEREAS, there have been significant difficulties in making a proper division of criminal cases in the Felony Division in St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to assign cases so that defendant's who have multiple cases have all of their cases assigned to the same judge; and

WHEREAS, the cases of defendant's who are charged with a violation of probation or who have filed post conviction relief motions should be reassigned to the same division from which their case was originally assigned;

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida and pursuant to Rules 2.050(b)(2) and (3), Fla. R. Jud. Admin., it is;

ORDERED as follows:

1. Effective January 1, 1995, all new felony cases, violations of probation, and all post conviction relief matters (Motions filed pursuant to Rule 3.800 or 3.850, Fla. R. Crim. P.) shall be assigned on an alphabetical basis. Defendant's with last names beginning with the letters **A through K** shall be assigned to Judge Cynthia Angelos's division. Defendant's with last names beginning with the letters **L through Z** shall be assigned to Judge Dwight Geiger's division. This division of cases is based on the average case distribution over a three year period. It is not expected that each judge will have exactly the same number of cases assigned to them at the end of any one year.

2. The Clerk shall assign case numbers to new cases on a random basis and shall not alphabetize the cases prior to the case number assignment.


3. In all cases in which multiple defendant's are charged in the same information or indictment the Clerk shall automatically reassign all co-defendant's cases to the judge then assigned to the co-defendant with the lowest case number.

4. All judges assigned to the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court in St. Lucie County shall supply the Clerk with a list of their arraignment dates at least ninety (90) days in advance.

5. At First Appearances the presiding judge shall assign an arraignment date to each defendant charged with a felony. The date set for arraignment shall be the next available arraignment date for the judge that is assigned to the case that is at least thirty (30) days from the defendant's first appearance date.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida, this 3 day of ~~December, 1994~~

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L. B. Vocelle
Chief Judge

cc: All Circuit and County Judges
Office of Public Defender for 19th Circuit
Office of State Attorney for 19th Circuit
All Local Bar Associations within this Circuit
Court Administrator