

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE
AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 96-11

RE: Okeechobee First Appearance Hearings

Whereas, it is necessary to provide daily First Appearance Hearings in Okeechobee County and; whereas, there is only one resident Okeechobee County Judge and; whereas, that Judge cannot provide First Appearance Hearings 365 days a year, and as Acting Chief Judge pursuant to Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.050, the attached rotation schedule is Ordered for calendar year 1997

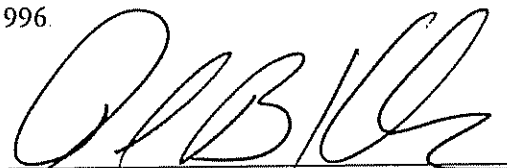
Okeechobee County Judge Shirley Brennan shall handle First Appearance Hearings weekdays and the first weekend of each and every month.

The rest of the weekends of each month will be rotated county by county (with the exception of Okeechobee County) and conducted by the Circuit or County Judge handling First Appearances that weekend in that county. The hearings will be by video telephone which will be provided by the Court Administrator's Office unless the judge decides to travel to Okeechobee. On Monday, following that weekend's First Appearance Hearings, the judge handling those hearings shall provide the video telephone to the next judge assigned First Appearances in that county or contact Court Administration for transportation to the next county on rotation.

In the absence of Judge Brennan, for any reason, the Circuit Judge assigned to Okeechobee County shall conduct the weekly First Appearance Hearings.

In addition, Judge Brennan or the Circuit Judge assigned to Okeechobee County may make coverage arrangements with other Judges when necessary.

DONE AND ORDERED in quadruplicate at Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida this
2nd day of December 1996.


Acting Chief Judge Paul B. Kanarek