

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 99-3

RE: Jimmy Ryce Act (Sections 916.31 - 916.49, Florida Statutes, (1997))

WHEREAS the Florida Legislature has enacted Sections 916.31 - 916.49 commonly known as The Jimmy Ryce Act which creates a civil commitment procedure for the long-term care and treatment of sexually violent predators, and;

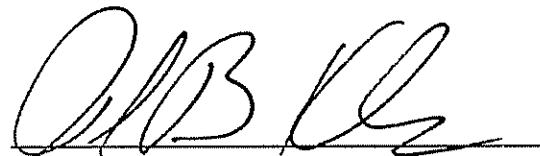
WHEREAS because such cases, although arising from a criminal case are civil in nature and the Rules of Civil Procedure apply, it is therefore;

ORDERED and **ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. All cases filed pursuant to Sections 916.31 - 916.49, Florida Statutes, (1997), more commonly known as The Jimmy Ryce Act, shall be filed in the Civil Division of the Circuit Court and assigned to one of the Judges in that division.

2. When the State Attorney files a petition pursuant to this act the Clerk of Court shall immediately deliver the file to the office of the Judge assigned the case. In addition, the Office of the State Attorney shall provide the Judge a copy of the petition along with a proposed order granting and/or denying relief, a proposed order taking the person into custody and holding them in an appropriate secure facility, and stamped self-addressed envelopes for all parties.

DONE AND ORDERED in quadruplicate at Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida, this 17 day of February 1999.



PAUL B. KANAREK
Chief Judge