

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4.904 -9/08*

IN RE: PALM BEACH COUNTY DRUG COURT/
ASSIGNMENT OF DIVISION "KD"

In April 1999 after and pursuant to unanimous vote of the criminal court judges of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) successfully submitted an application to the Drug Courts Program Office of the U.S. Department of Justice for a Drug Court planning grant of \$30,000. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners approved the required matching grant of \$10,000 from the County Drug Abuse Trust Fund. Upon receipt of that planning grant a Drug Court Planning Committee was created with County Court Judge Nelson E. Bailey as Chairperson. In August 2000 after and pursuant to unanimous vote of the Drug Abuse Trust Fund Committee, \$275,000 was allotted to be used for Drug Court treatment. The Drug Court Planning Committee proposed the Drug Court be operational at the existing "first appearance" and "arraignment" court at the Criminal Justice Complex at Gun Club Road in West Palm Beach.

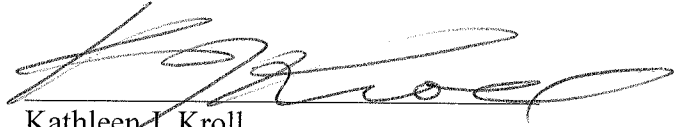
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Palm Beach County Drug Court will hear such qualified drug related charges pursuant to criteria set forth in Division KD procedural manual.
2. **A County Court Judge assigned to the Criminal Justice Complex/Gun Club Facility, shall preside as a Circuit Judge over the Palm Beach County Drug Court.**
3. Drug Court shall be designated as Division KD for case assignment purposes, and that upon receipt of appropriate orders of the Court transferring individual cases to the Drug Court, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, shall assign those designated cases to "Division KD, Drug Court."
4. Drug Court hours of operation shall be Monday through Friday at 1:00 p.m. for Drug Court First Appearances in Courtroom #1 of the Gun Club Courthouse, and Monday and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. for Drug Court Status Check Hearings in Courtroom #2 of the Gun Club Courthouse.
5. To allow for the scheduling of Drug Court at the Gun Club Courthouse, the "Civilian & Jail

MM/TC V.O.P. Hearings" will be assigned to West Palm Beach Courthouse Divisions on a random, equitable, rotational basis.

6. In all cases in which defendants have been referred to Drug Court but they subsequently elect not to participate in the program, or they are rejected from the program for any reason, or they are removed from the program prior to entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, then the Drug Court and/or Clerk of Court shall transfer those defendants' cases back to the cases' previously assigned divisions for further consideration.
7. Felony offenders participating in the Palm Beach County Drug Court Program shall be supervised mutually by Drug Court staff and the Florida Department of Corrections staff, in accordance with the procedures and orders of the Drug Court.
8. The Drug Court program office shall maintain statistics in a format compatible with CJIS development.

27 **DONE and SIGNED**, in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this day of September, 2008.



Kathleen J. Kroll
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 10.033 -8/00