

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5.801-9/08*

IN RE: DISCOVERY REQUESTS OF
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Section **39.202**, Florida Statutes, require court orders prior to releasing information which is otherwise discoverable pursuant to Rule 3.220, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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

1. This order shall apply to the prosecution of all cases in which there was an investigation of the same facts and occurrences by both a law enforcement agency and the State of **Florida Department of Childrens and Families**.
2. The agents of the **Department of Children and Families**, and other persons having access to confidential information under section **39.202**, Florida Statutes, are hereby required to comply with discovery requests made pursuant to the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure regarding disclosure of confidential information obtained through or from abuse investigations under Chapter 39, Florida Statutes, and may testify at trial without further order of the Court.
3. Further, said information obtained remains confidential and shall not be publicly disclosed by any prosecuting or defending attorney unless said attorney has obtained prior authorization from the Court that public disclosure is necessary to resolve an issue pending before the Court in accordance with section 39.202 Florida Statutes.

29 **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 4.025-6/93