

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11.27 v.4

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE POST ARREST  
DETENTION OF JUVENILES**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida State Courts System continues to monitor and take measures to address the effects on court operations of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic, the Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency exists, and the Surgeon General and State Health Officer have declared a public health emergency exists; and

**WHEREAS**, among the purposes of chapter 985, Florida Statutes, are providing for the care, safety, and protection of children in an environment that fosters healthy social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development and promoting the health and well-being of all children under the State's care; and

**WHEREAS**, alternatives to children being held at the Alachua County Regional Juvenile Detention Center pending a detention hearing are necessary to protect the health, safety, and well-being of these children, their families, their

caregivers, and others in the community during this state of emergency and public health emergency;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. When a law enforcement officer takes any juvenile into custody, the officers shall deliver the juvenile to the Screening Unit at the Juvenile Community Resource Center for screening, photographing, and fingerprinting.
  - (a) Any juvenile taken into custody on alleged new law violations who scores twelve (12) or fewer points on the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) shall be released to home detention and noticed by Juvenile Community Resource Center staff to appear at the next detention hearing.
  - (b) Any juvenile taken into custody who scores more than twelve (12) points on the (DRAI), and who has been alleged to have committed a crime of violence, a violent felony, or an offense involving a firearm, shall be held in secure detention pending a detention hearing.
  - (c) Any juvenile taken into custody who scores more than twelve (12) points on the (DRAI), but who has not been alleged to have

committed a crime of violence, a violent felony, or an offense involving a firearm, shall be delivered to the Screening Unit at the Juvenile Community Resource Center to undergo the screening process. Based on the screening, the Department shall have the discretion to either release the juvenile to home detention or hold the juvenile in secure detention pending a detention hearing. This discretion applies to new law violations only.

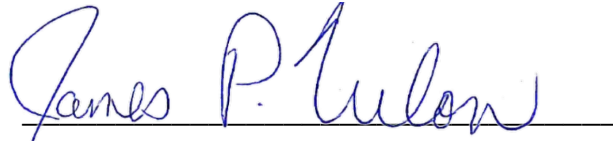
(d) Juveniles detained pursuant to an Order to Take into Custody shall be delivered to the Screening Unit at the Juvenile Community Resource Center and detained or released according to the instructions provided by the judge on the Order to Take into Custody.

(e) Any juvenile taken into custody pursuant to any custody orders outside of the jurisdiction of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida shall be delivered to the Screening Unit at the Juvenile Community Resource Center to be held pending a detention hearing.

2. All administrative orders not in conflict with this order remain in full force and effect.

3. These provisions are effective upon signing of this administrative order and until further order of the Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Gainesville, Florida, on July 23, 2020.



JAMES P. NILON

CHIEF JUDGE