

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4.15

TRANSPORTATION OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

In order to provide for a circuit-wide procedure for time frames in transport orders; and

WHEAREAS, it is the responsibility of the sheriffs, as the executive officers of the circuit court and operators of county jails, to monitor court obligations and ensure that inmates are present for court proceedings in their respective counties; and

WHEAREAS, it is the responsibility of sheriffs, as the executive officers of the circuit court and operators of county jails, to the transport inmates for court proceedings; and

WHEAREAS, it is within the inherent authority of this Court as prescribed by Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215(b) and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, to establish procedures governing the transportation of inmates to attend court proceedings;

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Upon the effective date of this Order, the procedure set forth herein shall be used in all cases, whether civil or criminal, for the transportation of prisoners to courthouses within the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

2. All Orders to Transport entered in this circuit shall give the Sheriff's Office the following amount of notice:

a. For all inmates in a county jail within the Eighth Judicial Circuit, two (2) business days or forty-eight (48) hours, whichever is longer, before any proceeding requiring the presence of the inmate.

b. For all inmates in correctional institutions or county jails outside the Eighth Judicial Circuit, ten (10) business days before any proceeding requiring presence of the

inmate. The ten (10) business days notice applies to inmates within the State of Florida, but outside of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and inmates located outside the State of Florida.

3. The Eighth Judicial Circuit judiciary and all counsel of record shall comply with these time frames. However, in an emergency or exceptional circumstance, the presiding judge may on their own motion request transportation of an inmate outside of these time frames.

ORDERED ON this 28th day of July, 2014.



Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge