## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2025-009 PI-CIR

#### RE: UNIFORM BOND SCHEDULE – PINELLAS COUNTY

In 2023, the uniform bond schedule was amended in Pinellas County in response to the enactment of sections 903.011(5)(a) and 903.011(6), Florida Statutes, which required the Florida Supreme Court to adopt a uniform statewide bond schedule so that persons arrested for certain criminal offenses may be released on bond prior to the person's first appearance hearing. The statutory amendments were effective January 1, 2024. Subsequently, to the extent such is procedural, the Florida Supreme Court issued a Statewide Uniform Bond Schedule effective January 1, 2024, and on an annual basis thereafter. The Circuit updated the Uniform Bond Schedule in Pinellas County to comply with the requirement for the issuance of an annual bond schedule. The uniform bond schedule is being amended again in response to recently enacted laws.

In accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and the authority granted in section 903.011(5)(d), Florida Statutes, to the chief judge to locally increase the monetary bond,

#### IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Each crime of arrest requires a separate bond pursuant to section 903.02(4), Florida Statutes and Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.131(b)(2).
- 2. The following bond schedule is effective through December 31, 2025:

# THIS SCHEDULE IS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. THIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT BIND ANY JUDGE CONDUCTING FIRST APPEARANCE OR BAIL BOND HEARINGS. JUDGES MAY USE IT AS A GUIDE AND SET AN APPROPRIATE BOND FOR THE DEFENDANT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED.

- 1) For persons arrested for a crime listed in section 903.011(6), Fla. Stat., or who meet the criteria in section 903.011(6), Fla. Stat. This includes the following for which the person arrested may not be released on bond before their first appearance hearing or bail determination where a judge determines the appropriate bail:
  - a) The person was, at the time of arrest for any felony, on pretrial release, probation, or community control in this state or any other state:
  - b) The person was, at the time of arrest, designated as a sexual offender or sexual predator in this state or any other state;
  - c) The person was arrested for violating a protective injunction;
  - d) The person was, at the time of arrest, on release from supervision under s. 947.1405, s. 947.146, s. 947.149, or s. 944.4731;

**Bond**: None First appearance required.

- e) The person has, at any time before the current arrest, been sentenced pursuant to s. 775.082(9) or s. 775.084 as a prison release reoffender, habitual violent felony offender, three-time violent felony offender, or violent career criminal;
- f) The person has been arrested three or more times in the 6 months immediately preceding his or her arrest for the current offense; or
- g) The person's current offense of arrest is for one or more of the following crimes:
  - i. A capital felony, life felony, felony of the first degree, or felony of the second degree;
  - ii. A homicide under chapter 782; or any attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a homicide;
  - iii. Assault in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; felony battery; domestic battery by strangulation; domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28; stalking; mob intimidation; assault or battery on a law enforcement officer; assault or battery on juvenile probation officer, or other staff of a detention center or commitment facility, or a staff member of a commitment facility, or health services personnel; assault or battery on a person 65 years of age or older; robbery; burglary; carjacking; or resisting an officer with violence;
  - iv. Kidnapping, false imprisonment, human trafficking, or human smuggling;
  - v. Possession of a firearm or ammunition by a felon, violent career criminal, or person subject to an injunction against committing acts of domestic violence, stalking, or cyberstalking;
  - vi. Sexual battery; indecent, lewd, or lascivious touching; exposure of sexual organs; incest; luring or enticing a child; or child pornography;
  - vii. Abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult;
  - viii. Child abuse or aggravated child abuse;
    - ix. Arson; riot; aggravated riot, inciting a riot, or aggravated inciting a riot; or a burglary or theft during a riot;
    - x. Escape; tampering or retaliating against a witness, victim, or informant; destruction of evidence; or tampering with a jury;
  - xi. Any offense committed for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of a criminal gang;
  - xii. Trafficking in a controlled substance, including conspiracy to engage in trafficking in a controlled substance;
  - xiii. Racketeering; or

xiv. Failure to appear at required court proceedings while on bail.	
2) For unauthorized aliens arrested for a violation of Chapter 811, Florida Statutes or for a forcible felony, as defined in section 776.08, Florida Statutes.	
3) For persons not covered by number (1), arrested for a third-degree felony that involves any amount of force or threat of force against a person.	Bond: None First appearance required.
<ul> <li>4) For persons not covered by number (1), arrested for a third-degree felony that does not involve any force or threat of force against a person.</li> <li>a) Except the following offenses will have no bond prior to first appearance: <ol> <li>i. Any felony driving offense.</li> <li>ii. Driving under the influence or boating under the influence offenses under s. 316.193 or s. 327.35, Fla. Stat., whether charged as a felony or misdemeanor, except as provided in paragraph 6 below.</li> <li>iii. Any felony failure to register charge.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Bond: None First appearance required.
5) For persons not covered by number (1), arrested for a first-degree misdemeanor or an ordinance punishable like a first-degree misdemeanor, that involves any amount of force or threat of force against a person.	
6) For persons not covered by number (1), arrested for a first-degree misdemeanor or an ordinance punishable like a first-degree misdemeanor, that does not involve any force or threat of force against a person.	
<ul> <li>7) For persons not covered by number (1), arrested for driving under the influence or boating under the influence offenses under s. 316.193 or s. 327.35, Fla. Stat., and who have not:</li> <li>a) Caused damage to the property or person of another,</li> <li>b) Previously been convicted of DUI or BUI, or</li> <li>c) Had a DUI or BUI dismissed as part of a diversionary program.</li> </ul>	
8) For persons not covered by number (1), arrested for a second-degree misdemeanor or an ordinance punishable like a second-degree misdemeanor, that involves any amount of force or threat of force against a person.	
9) For persons not covered by number (1), arrested for a second-degree misdemeanor or an ordinance punishable like a second-degree	

misdemeanor, that does not involve force or threat of force against a person and that is not driving under the influence or boating under the influence.

3. If a person arrested is eligible for bond under this schedule, but jail staff or pretrial release staff are unable to make a determination as to their status under section 903.011(6), Florida Statutes, the defendant will be required to attend a first appearance hearing.

Effective immediately, Administrative Order 2024-069 is hereby rescinded, and Administrative Order 2021-016 is rescinded to the extent it conflicts with this Administrative Order.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this day of February 2025.

### ORIGINAL SIGNED ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025 BY SHAWN CRANE, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Pinellas Judges

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