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

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2025-010 PA-CTY

## RE: APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES TO HEAR CERTAIN MISDEMEANORS AND LOCAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS FOR VETERANS AT A SATELLITE LOCATION

In order to assist in the reduction of outstanding non-violent misdemeanor warrants and warrants for failure to appear for local ordinance violations for Veterans in Pasco County and to provide assistance to the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts in reaching out to homeless Veterans, and

In accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes,

## IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. In accordance with Article V, section 7 of the Florida Constitution, the Chief Judge designates the following location as one where court proceedings may be held on Friday, April 25, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at The Concourse, 11919 Alric Pottberg Road, Shady Hills, Florida 34610.
- 2. At such time and place, Chief Judge Shawn Crane and Circuit Judge Jennifer Dubbeld, are authorized to hear any local ordinance violation case, any non-violent misdemeanor case, and any other misdemeanor case in which the victim has been notified and the State Attorney's office has agreed to the case being heard during the proceedings on April 25, 2025, involving a Veteran and thereafter:
  - a. to accept a plea,
  - b. withdraw a warrant or capias and set the matter for subsequent hearing,
  - c. otherwise dispose of misdemeanors with the consent of the State Attorney and defense attorney,
  - d. resolve fines on closed felony cases, and
  - e. otherwise dispose of local ordinance violations as appropriate.

These judges may exercise this authority over any case involving a Veteran regardless of the section to which the case is assigned.

Administrative Order 2025-007 is hereby rescinded.

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

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025 BY SHAWN CRANE, CHIEF JUDGE cc: All Pasco Judges

The Honorable Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney

The Honorable Sara Mollo, Public Defender

The Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk of the Court, Pasco County

The Honorable Chris Nocco, Sheriff, Pasco County

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