

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2025-011 PI-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 Pinellas 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 Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at C.W. Bill Young VAMC, Bldg. 2, 10000 Bay Pines Boulevard, Bay Pines, Florida, 33744.

2. At such time and place the Honorable Joseph Lawhorne and the Honorable Diane Croff, designated by Chief Judge Shawn Crane, 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 5, 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.

**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 Pinellas Judges  
The Honorable Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney  
The Honorable Sara Mollo, Public Defender  
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County  
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff, Pinellas County  
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator  
Michele Emmerman, Deputy Trial Courts Administrator  
Ita M. Neymotin, Regional Counsel, Second District  
Ngozi Acholonu, Assistant Regional Counsel  
Jewel White, Pinellas County Attorney  
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