

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2025-045 PA/PI-CIR

**RE: AFTER HOURS PROCEDURES FOR DATING, DOMESTIC, REPEAT, AND
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND STALKING INJUNCTIONS – JANUARY 1, 2026**

It is necessary to modify the after-hours procedure for obtaining a temporary injunction for protection in dating, domestic, repeat, and sexual violence and stalking cases (injunctions for protection generally). Section 26.20, Florida Statutes, provides that at least one judge must be available after-hours including weekdays after hours, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, to review ex parte motions for temporary injunctions in domestic violence cases. Circumstances may also require the issuance of an ex parte temporary injunction in dating, stalking, sexual or repeat violence cases after hours. In both Pasco and Pinellas County, the responsibilities of the Clerks of the Circuit Court and the Sheriffs should be specified to ensure that injunctions for protection can be issued after hours. Further, it is important to provide information to the public on how to access the duty judge for these purposes.

Therefore, in accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Pasco and Pinellas Clerks of the Circuit Court and the Pasco and Pinellas Sheriffs must follow these procedures to ensure that injunctions for protection can be issued after hours. After hours means after 4:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. on a regular work day, or at any time on a weekend or holiday.

2. When a person has reasonable cause to believe that he or she is the victim of dating, domestic, repeat, or sexual violence, or stalking in accordance with the provisions of section 741.30, section 784.046, or section 784.0485, Florida Statutes, and desires to seek an injunction for protection after hours, a person may contact the following:

EAST PASCO COUNTY Dade City	WEST PASCO COUNTY Hudson	NORTH PINELLAS COUNTY Clearwater	SOUTH PINELLAS COUNTY St. Petersburg
Sunrise of Pasco County, Inc. 352-521-3120	Salvation Army Domestic Violence 727-856-5797	Hope Villages of America 727-442-4128	C.A.S.A. (Community Action Stops Abuse) 727-895-4912

If a program is unable to locate safe shelter for the litigant and the litigant's children, or if the litigant chooses not to go to a shelter, the staff at the facility will call a deputy clerk who will meet the litigant at a designated facility. In Pasco County, the litigant will meet the deputy clerk at a location selected by the deputy clerk based upon the location of the parties which will be either: the Sheriff's Office, 8700 Citizen Dr., New Port Richey, the Pasco County Detention Center, located at 20101 Central Blvd. in Land O' Lakes, or the Sheriff's Office in Dade City (if the Dade City office has deputies on site). In Pinellas County, the litigant will meet the deputy clerk at the

Pinellas County Justice Center (PCJC) located at 14250 49th Street North in Clearwater during the hours that PCJC is open to the public. When PCJC is closed to the public, the litigant will meet the deputy clerk at the Sheriff's Office Administration building located at 10750 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

3. When law enforcement is contacted by an individual seeking an injunction for protection against dating, domestic, repeat, or sexual violence, or stalking after hours, a law enforcement officer, in accordance with section 741.29, Florida Statutes, must refer the litigant to the closest shelter listed in paragraph two. If the litigant chooses not to go to a shelter, the individual may speak with shelter personnel who will call a deputy clerk. The deputy clerk will meet the litigant at a designated facility. In Pasco County, the litigant will meet the deputy clerk at a location selected by the deputy clerk based upon the location of the parties which will be the Sheriff's Office, 8700 Citizen Dr., New Port Richey, the Pasco County Detention Center, located at 20101 Central Blvd. in Land O' Lakes, or the Sheriff's Office in Dade City (if the Dade City office has deputies on site). In Pinellas County, the litigant will meet the deputy clerk at the Pinellas County Justice Center (PCJC) located at 14250 49th Street North in Clearwater during the hours that PCJC is open to the public. When PCJC is closed to the public, the litigant will meet the deputy clerk at the Sheriff's Office Administration building located at 10750 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

4. The Sheriffs of Pasco and Pinellas County must facilitate access and security within the facilities specified in this order for a deputy clerk to meet with a litigant to complete a petition for an injunction for protection.

5. The Clerks of the Circuit Court in Pasco and Pinellas County must make the names and contact information for deputy clerks available to shelters in their respective counties. When contacted by a shelter, a deputy clerk must go to the facilities specified in this order and assist a litigant with a petition for an injunction for protection. The deputy clerk must contact the duty judge, or other designated judge as outlined in the Pasco or Pinellas County Emergency Duty Schedule Administrative Order, and follow the instructions of that judge to transmit the petition to that judge.

6. In addition to the procedures specified in this Administrative Order, a petition for an injunction for protection may be submitted to the judge at advisories on weekends or holidays.

7. The duty judge, or other designated judge as outlined in the Pasco or Pinellas County Emergency Duty Schedule Administrative Order, must review a petition either by having the deputy clerk transmit the petition by facsimile or by other electronic means or by traveling to the facilities specified in this order and reviewing the petition in person. The judge shall report any problems with the after-hours procedures to the Chief Judge.

Effective January 1, 2026, Administrative Order 2012-054 PA/PI-CIR is hereby rescinded. Administrative Order 2025-043 is hereby rescinded.

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

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2025
BY SHAWN CRANE, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges
The Honorable Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney
The Honorable Sara Mollo, Public Defender
The Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County
The Honorable Chris Nocco, Sheriff, Pasco County
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff, Pinellas County
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator
Michele Emmerman, Deputy Trial Courts Administrator
Ngozi Acholonu, Assistant Regional Counsel
Sunrise of Pasco County, Inc.
Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program
The Haven, Domestic Violence Center
Community Action Stops Abuse, (CASA)
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