


JUDGE ANDREW L. SIEGEL  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF FLORIDA  
CRIMINAL DIVISION FK



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Maria Schneider(SAO), Gordon Weekes(PD), Melissa  
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Circuit Criminal Judges

FROM: Andrew L. Siegel 

RE: Special Bond Hearing/Emergency Docket

DATE: March 18, 2020

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Special Bond Hearing/Emergency Docket

This special docket is created to address bonds which would be otherwise brought before a regular Division judge. It is being set up because of the suggested guidelines temporarily closing the courthouse to the public. It is not available if the bond issue was previously addressed by the Division judge, this is not a rehearing. (Note: "VFO" designated Defendants do not qualify for this docket because of the statutory requirement for a danger hearing.)

1. Motion shall not be "boilerplate" but must state with specificity the facts related to the Defendant as set forth in Florida State §903.046, a list of all of the Defendant's pending cases, the charge(s) associated with each case(s), and a statement certifying the bond matter has not been heard by the Division judge. Each case must have a separate motion.

2. All motions shall be filed with the Clerk's office, a copy must be sent by email to opposing counsel as required by the Rules of Criminal Procedure, a copy sent by email to the Division judge, a copy must be sent by email to Division FK, and a copy must be sent by email to JA for the Criminal Administrative Judge.

3. Defense counsel must certify she/he made a good faith attempt to resolve the bond issue before requesting the motion be placed on the special bond docket for hearing.

4. All motions for consideration on the next day's docket must be filed and submitted as provided in paragraph 2 no later than 12:00 noon the previous day.

5. Motions will be heard telephonically with the Defendant's attendance through close circuit television from the jail.

6. Defense counsel shall provide a contact telephone number for telephone conferencing at the time the motion is to be heard. Attorneys shall be available during the hearing. Currently, it is anticipated the docket will last from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

7. The presiding judge or the Criminal administrative judge shall set the motions to be heard the next day. If the motion is to be on the docket counsel shall be notified by email.

8. If a Defendant's presence has been waived then a bond hearing on the special bond docket may be held in the manner as provided below.

**REGULAR HEARINGS:** For "not in custody" Defendant's cases or where the Defendant has a waiver on file with the Clerk, or for matters which do not require the Defendant's presence, there is the option of contacting the Division judge and scheduling any type of telephonic hearing. A telephone hearing will be conducted by the Judge through telephone conference, with the counsel, from the courtroom with court reporting services (blueman) recording the proceeding. All counsels' contact numbers must be provided in advance of the telephonic hearing. All telephonic hearings need to be arranged, in the same manner as regular hearings were previously arranged, the only difference is the hearings are being held via telephone without the presence of the Defendant.