

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10.103-5/15

IN RE: TRAFFIC CRIMES & INFRACTIONS
ASSOCIATED WITH A FELONY CHARGE

In the interest of judicial economy and to promote more informed judicial decision making, procedures must be established to ensure that traffic crimes and traffic infractions which are scheduled before a county court judge (collectively "traffic offenses") and which are associated with a felony charge are heard by the court simultaneously. This practice will avoid multiple appearances by witnesses and law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. NEWLY FILED CASES:

- a. When the State Attorney's Office determines that an information shall be filed on a felony charge which is related to a traffic offense, the state attorney may reference the traffic citation case number in the top right hand corner of the information if such case number is known.
- b. Based upon the case number listed in the information document, the Clerk of Court shall schedule the traffic offense and the felony case before the assigned Felony Judge, and the Felony calendar shall reflect both case numbers.

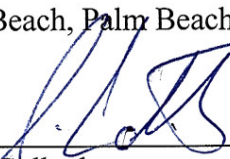
2. CASES IDENTIFIED AFTER FILING:

- a. In the event that a traffic offense associated with a felony charge is identified prior to the felony case being resolved, the assigned county court judge shall direct the clerk to schedule the traffic offense at the next scheduled felony court date to be heard by the felony division judge.
- b. The Clerk of Court shall list both the felony and traffic offense case numbers on the felony calendar.

3. **CASES PENDING AFTER DISPOSITION OF FELONY CASE**

If the traffic offense is not resolved with the felony case, the clerk shall schedule the traffic offense before the county court judge presiding in the division in which the traffic offense was originally assigned.

DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida
this 22 day of May, 2015.



Jeffery Colbath
Chief Judge