

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4.109-05/2024

IN RE: REDACTED PROBABLE
CAUSE AFFIDAVITS

Access to court records is governed by *In re: Access to Standards for Access to Electronic Court Records*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC23-2 and Rule 2.240(d)(1), Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. Once filed, probable cause affidavits are court records. AOSC23-2 establishes a matrix for access to court records based on User Roles. Judges are designated User Role 1, permitting access to all court records, except those expunged pursuant to §943.0585.

To properly administer justice, and in accordance with AOSC23-2, judges must be provided complete access to un-redacted probable cause affidavits.

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

1. Any law enforcement agency filing a redacted probable cause affidavit to initiate a misdemeanor or felony case, shall simultaneously file an un-redacted probable cause affidavit designated as the judge's copy. The Clerk shall docket the redacted probable cause affidavit and the judge's un-redacted probable cause affidavit.
2. When both a redacted and un-redacted judge's copy of a probable cause affidavit are filed, the Clerk shall provide access to the redacted probable cause affidavit in accordance with *In re: Access to Standards for Access to Electronic Court Records*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC23-2.
3. When both a redacted and un-redacted judge's copy of a probable cause affidavit are filed, the Clerk shall not provide access to the judge's copy of the probable cause affidavit absent court order.
4. The Clerk shall make necessary redactions in accordance with Rule 2.240(d)(1), Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin.
5. This administrative order should not be construed:
 - a. As requiring any law enforcement agency to file a redacted probable cause affidavit; or

- b. As a verification that any redacted probable cause affidavit filed to initiate a misdemeanor or felony case meets the criteria of Rule 2.240(d)(1), Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin.

DONE and Signed in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this 9th day May, 2024.



Glenn D. Kelley
Chief Judge