

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.4.701-9/08*

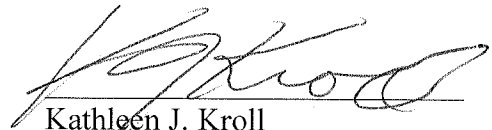
IN RE: RESTRAINING ORDERS --
VICTIM/WITNESS PROTECTION ACT

Section 914.24, Florida Statutes (2007), provides a remedy to prevent the harassment of a victim or witness in a criminal case.

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

1. All application for restraining order pursuant to section 914.24, Florida Statutes (2007), shall be filed before the duty judge on forms provided by the state attorney.
2. Petitions for restraining orders against harassment or intimidation shall be filed with the clerk of circuit court, criminal division, without fee.
3. The duty judge hearing the petition for restraining order shall retain jurisdiction of the matter until the issuance of or until the time is past for the issuance of the protection order [section 914.24(2)(a), Florida Statutes (2007)].
4. Upon issuance of a restraining order, the clerk shall provide the Sheriff with a certified copy of the order. This order shall be served upon the respondent within 24 hours of its issuance. If an affidavit of insolvency is filed, service shall be without costs.

29 **DONE** and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this day of September, 2008.


Kathleen J. Kroll
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 4.008-9/92