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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 83-12

RE: Re-organization of the County Court Probation Department of Leon County.

This order supercedes all other Administrative Orders and amended orders pertaining to the County Court Probation Department in and for Leon County.

It has come to the attention of this office of the need to re-organize and restructure the County Court Probation Department of Leon County in that it has become burdensome on the County Judges to have to "pick and choose" an appropriate agency for the supervision of a misdemeanant probationer. The number of agencies to which probationers can be assigned and the number of probationers in the system has increased to the point that there is now a need for only one agency responsible for carrying out the orders of the Court.

THEREFORE, it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the Court Administrator of the Second Judicial Circuit shall re-organize the Probation System for Leon County and it shall be called the County Court Probation Department. The Court Administrator shall be responsible for restructuring the system, setting policy for administration, supervising and monitoring the program, determining the number of personnel to be hired in the system, appointment of a Director of the program and prepare an operating budget to be funded by Leon County.

All misdemeanant probationers shall be referred to the County Court Probation Department and the department shall have the authority to use any other agancy necessary to carry out the orders of the Court. The Department shall have the authority to supervise all probationers, the discretion to carry out the orders of the Court, enforce the conditions of probation, issue a complaint or affidavit for violation of probation, appear in court and offer testimony in support of the violation, <u>but shall not have any power of arrest</u>.

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The County Court Probation Department is hereby authorized to collect a fee for the cost of supervision and said fee shall be paid by the probationer. The amount of the fee shall be determined by the Court Administrator with the concurrence of the County Judges. The amount of the fee may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the Court Administrator and the County Judges. The Administrative Judge of the County Court of Leon County shall cause an Administrative Order to be issued setting forth the amount of the supervision fees.

The County Court Judges of Leon County are hereby authorized to refer all misdemeanants whom they deem fit to be placed under the supervised probation system to the County Court Probation Department of Leon County and the Court Administrator or his designee, shall coordinate with the Probation Director relative to all administrative procedures necessary to implement and supervise said program.

All previous probation orders shall remain in full force and effect and shall either be transferred to this Department or continued with the agency that they were previously assigned, at the discretion of the Court Administrator.

A copy of this order shall be furnished to the Clerk of Court of Leon County who shall cause it to be recorded in the appropriate records of said Court.

This order shall be in effect on June 1, 1983.

DONE and ORDERED this 25th day of May, 1983.

BEN C. WILLIS
CHIEF JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

County Judges, Leon County
Clerk of Court
Clerk of Traffic Court
Public Defender
State Attorney
Court Administrator

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