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LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 87-80

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LEON COUNTY

RE: Leon County Pretrial Release

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Court has reviewed the recent Leon County Jail overcrowding circumstance, the Florida Statutes creating the presumption of non-monetary pretrial release of citizens accused of criminal conduct, the present Leon County Pretrial Release Program and the initial evaluations of the consultant retained by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners. It is apparent that an objective set of standards with attendant value attributions be evolved to assure uniform, objective bases for pretrial release accompanied by reasonably reliable projections that such defendants would appear at functions at which their attendance is required while minimizing public exposure to harm or damage.

To that end, the Court has secured and reviewed the Vera Point Scale Release Program instrument and determined that is an objective basis for evaluating pretrial release in accord with Florida law while demonstrating a probability of required attendance with minimal exposure of danger to the community.

Therefore, pursuant to the law of Florida and the Rules of Procedure and Judicial Administration, it is ordered and adjudged as follows:

1. Effective this date, all inmates of the Leon County Jail, charged with a third degree felony or lower offense, shall have their records reviewed by the pretrial release program director, or his designees, in accordance with the Vera Point System Instrument, copy of which is attach hereto, and in the event such inmate compiles a score of five (5) or more points under the criteria thereof shall be admitted to release on recognizance, and, if such inmate has a set bond, such bond shall be reduced to release on recognizance with other conditions thereof remaining imposed.

2. All persons hereinafter arrested and admitted to the Leon County Jail, charged with a third degree felony or lower offense, shall be evaluated under said Vera Point Scale Instrument and if found to qualify by a score of five (5) or more, shall be admitted to release on recognizance with conditions deemed appropriate by the pretrial release director, or his designees.

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3. All person so released into the pretrial release program as hereinafter set forth shall be placed under pretrial release program supervision and monitoring of the pretrial release director, or his designees, and any violation of program conditions shall be promptly reported to the Court for appropriate judicial action.

4. The court is aware that certain portions of this Order may be in conflict with certain provisions of Leon County Court Administrative Order 87-1 and to the extent said Order is in conflict with the provisions hereof, this Order shall replace and supercede such conflicting provision or provisions.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County Florida this 21st day of October, A.D. 1987.

J. Lewis Hall, Jr.
Chief Judge
Second Judicial Circuit
Leon County, Florida

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LEON COUNTY PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM

VERA POINT SCALE RELEASE PROGRAM INSTRUMENT

POINT SCHEDULE

To be recommended for release on his own bond, a defendant needs:

1. Address in the Second Judicial Circuit, where he/she can be reached, and:
2. A total of five (5) points from the following categories:

INT	VER	PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD
3	3	No Convictions.
0	0	No Convictions in the Past Year.
-1	-1	Misdemeanor Conviction(s) in the Past Year.
-2	-2	Felony Conviction(s) in the Past 3 Years.
-2	-2	Incarceration in a Penal Institution in the Past 5 years.

INT	VER	EMPLOYMENT/SCHOOLING
-	-	Present job one (1) year or more.
3	3	Present job four (4) months, or Present and Prior job six (6) months.
2	2	Present job one (1) month.
1	1	Current job, or Unemployed three (3) months or less with nine (9) months or more on prior job, or Receiving unemployment compensation or welfare, or Supported by family.

NOTE: Deduct one (1) point from the first three categories IF:
The job is not steady, or
The job is not salaried, or
The defendant has no investment in it.

INT	VER	RESIDENCE
3	3	Present residence one (1) year or more.
2	2	Present residence six (6) months, or Present and prior residence one (1) year.
1	1	Present residence four (4) months, or Present and prior residence six (6) months.

INT	VER	FAMILY TIES
3	3	Lives with spouse, and Has had contact with other family members.
2	2	Lives with spouse and/or parents.
1	1	Lives with family person whom he gives with reference.

DEFINITIONS: "Spouse" - If unmarried, must have lived together for two (2) years.

"Contact"- Must see the person at least once a week.

INT	VER	TIME IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2	2	Five (5) years or more.

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