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LEON COUNTY FLORIDA

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 97-03

IN RE: LEON COUNTY JUVENILE DRUG COURT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Drug Court Planning Committee was established in the Second Judicial Circuit in June 1995 to assess the feasibility and need for a juvenile drug court program in the Second Judicial Circuit, and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Drug Court Planning Committee viewed juvenile drug court as a feasible alternative to traditional case processing but was unable to obtain funding to implement this program, and

WHEREAS, funding has been provided from the Federal Law Enforcement Block Grant Program to initiate the juvenile drug court program in Leon County on a pilot basis, and

IT IS THEREFORE.

ORDERED THAT

1 The Leon County Juvenile Drug Court Program is hereby established for the Juvenile Division in Leon County

2 The target population for this program shall include substance-involved juvenile offenders with no extensive juvenile history and shall include:

a Those charged for the first time with a non-violent, drug or alcohol related felony and other non-violent offenses where the causal factor involved is a drug addiction problem,

b Those defendants that are physically and mentally stable and volunteer to participate in a substance abuse treatment program, and

c Those who meet the above criteria and who are not in need of extensive detoxification, emergency medical care or hospitalization for medical and/or psychological conditions

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3 Screening of eligible drug court program participants shall be the responsibility of the Juvenile Assessment and Receiving Center (JARC) Those juveniles screened and deemed appropriate candidates for the Leon County Juvenile Drug Court Program shall be referred to the juvenile court at the earliest scheduled weekday detention hearing

4 Those defendants referred to court shall be temporarily assigned a public defender, given an overview of the purpose and requirements for participation in the juvenile drug court program, given the opportunity to volunteer to participate in the drug court program and, if participation is deemed appropriate, shall be temporarily assigned to the Leon County Juvenile Drug Court Program

5 Those temporarily assigned to the Leon County Drug Court Program shall be placed on the next regularly scheduled drug court case management docket The state attorney, public defender, private attorney or defendant may request that participation in the Juvenile Drug Court Program either continue or cease If there is no objection to continued participation in the drug court program, the defendant will sign a participation agreement which will specify the requirements for successful participation in the program. The defendant must agree to submit to periodic urinalysis testing and agree to participate in the required drug treatment services If the juvenile successfully completes the juvenile drug court program the deferred pending charge(s) will be dismissed

6 No more than 40 juveniles shall participate in this program at one time

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 17th day of April, 1997

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CHIEF JUDGE

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