

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2.034

IN RE:

PRETRIAL RELEASE/
PROCEDURES FOR
SETTING BAIL

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WHEREAS, there is a desire to consolidate the bond for those defendants charged with multiple counts of criminal violations; and

WHEREAS, Rule 3.131, FRCrP, allows the court to consider any facts it considers relevant in determining whether to release a defendant on bail or other conditions and what that bail or those other conditions may be; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve the efficiency of the criminal court by eliminating unnecessary and duplicative paperwork; it is therefore,

ORDERED:

a) The magistrate shall, in those instances where an appearance bond is deemed necessary, specify a single bond amount which shall represent a condition of pretrial release for that defendant.

b) When a monetary bond is deemed appropriate by the court, a single amount shall be specified, irrespective of the number of charges or counts for which the defendant is charged.

c) In cases where a defendant is charged with multiple violations or counts, the amount of the bond specified by the court shall remain in effect when any of the remaining charges or counts are dismissed, nolle prossed, or declined by the State Attorney.

d) This rule shall not constrain the court from using other types of pretrial release or from imposing nonmonetary conditions on any person granted pretrial release.

e) Magistrate action forms shall be used to record the bond amount that is imposed by the court in those situations when a monetary bond is deemed appropriate. The amount specified on the magistrate action form shall encompass the total bond required of that

defendant as a condition of pretrial release.

f) This order shall not restrict defendant's right to seek a reduction in the bond amount via a bond reduction hearing.

DONE AND ORDERED, in Chambers, at Plantation Key, Monroe County, Florida, this the 13 day of December, 1994.

J. Jefferson Overby
Chief Judge