

IN THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2019 – 07
(Superseding Administrative Order 2012-04)

RE: REVISED ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOND SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, it is preferable to have conditions of pretrial release established on an individualized basis by a judge pursuant to the justice factors listed in Florida Criminal Rule of Procedure 3.131 and Florida Statute 903.046, however, utilization of a bond schedule to establish bond amounts for arrestees prior to first appearance has been utilized traditionally in St. Lucie County to facilitate the pretrial release process at the earliest possible time, and;

WHEREAS, said factors controlling bond amounts primarily relate to the likelihood of flight and the need for a financial surety obligation to secure future appearance at court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, said factors include the nature of punishment associated with particular offenses and the general financial abilities of persons arrested; and

WHEREAS, these general factors are subject to legislative changes and local economic realities, and therefore, from time to time, a bond schedule must be updated to take into account such changes; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the general amounts set in the schedule, the first appearance judge is encouraged and empowered to alter the amounts in the schedule, as is consistent with law and justice on review of the individual case;

NOW THEREFORE,

Pursuant to the authority invested in me as Chief Judge pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and after careful consideration of the factors stated above, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the revised bond schedule attached hereto as “Attachment A” shall take effect in Saint Lucie County effective August 15, 2019.

It is further **ORDERED** that Administrative Order 2012-04 RE: St. Lucie County Bond Schedule entered on February 24, 2012 is hereby superseded.

DONE and ORDERED at Stuart, Martin County, Florida this __8th__ day of August, 2019.



LAWRENCE M. MIRMAN, CHIEF JUDGE

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