IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

STANDING ORDER REGARDING BOND MOTIONS

This order addresses the recent increase of bond reduction motions filed in this division. Many of the motions are boilerplate form motions, with no specific facts recited, only conclusory allegations. Because court time is finite, bond reduction motions must comply with this order before they are set for a hearing.

1. The motion must contain **specific facts** which would tend to support the relief requested (e.g., the bond is set substantially higher than the promulgated standard bond schedule; the defendant has no prior criminal history; the defendant does not have prior VOPs or FTAs; the crime charged is not a violent or aggravated felony, etc.).

2. The motion must contain the following certification:

I hereby certify that this motion is filed in good faith, upon the exercise of my own independent and professional judgment, and that the motion is supported by the facts and applicable law. I further certify that I have personally contacted opposing counsel in an effort to resolve this issue without judicial intervention, however, the matter cannot be resolved and a hearing is necessary

Any motion that does not comply with this order is not to be set for hearing.

Done and Ordered in Martin County, Florida this 22nd day of April, 2026.

Elizabeth A. Metzger
Circuit Judge