

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2018-018

**RELEASE OF CERTAIN PRETRIAL DETAINEES
UPON HURRICANE WARNING**

Both Florida law and the Florida rules of court authorize a chief judge to remove a condition of bail or reduce the amount of bond set for a pretrial detainee. See §903.02(2)(b), Fla. Stat. and Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.131(d). Based on Hillsborough County's location and susceptibility to sustaining hurricanes, it is necessary to establish emergency procedures to permit the release of certain pretrial detainees from the custody of the Hillsborough County jail before a hurricane strikes.

By the power vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2) and (b)(8), it is ORDERED:

1. Eligibility for Pretrial Release upon Hurricane Warning

Upon the issuance of a hurricane warning for Hillsborough County by the National Weather Service, the Hillsborough County Sheriff is authorized to release any pretrial detainee arrested for a municipal or county ordinance violation, a misdemeanor offense, a criminal traffic offense, or a third degree felony offense.

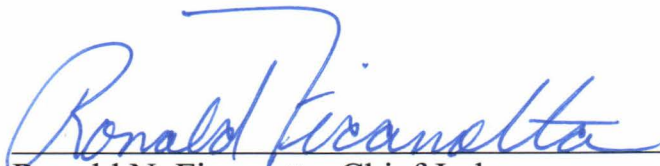
2. Release of Eligible Pretrial Detainees who Pose No Safety Threat

The Sheriff, or his or her designee, is authorized to use his or her discretion in releasing only such eligible pretrial detainees in section 1 of this administrative order who are believed to not pose a threat to the safety of the citizens of Hillsborough County, Florida.

3. Effective Date

This administrative order is effective June 1, 2018.

ENTERED in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on June 1, 2018.



Ronald N. Ficarrotta, Chief Judge

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