

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2008-04-02

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR ORANGE AND OSCEOLA
COUNTIES, FLORIDA

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING A UNIFORM
COMMUNITY LEAVE POLICY FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

WHEREAS, from time to time an inmate may request a temporary and time-limited release from physical custody status (hereinafter referred to as “Community Leave”); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Orange County Corrections Department and Osceola County Corrections Department to establish procedures for the release and discharge of offenders from correctional facilities and community programs that address facility/program security, protection of the victim and public, and the welfare of the offender; and

WHEREAS, Orange County allows for unescorted Community Leave only from its non-secure Work Release Center; and

WHEREAS, both the Orange County and Osceola County Corrections Departments have adopted and implemented policies governing Community Leave into the community within each respective County’s boundaries for qualified inmates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, order that **ALL** requests for Community Leave, including but not limited to funeral attendance, deathbed visits, and specialized medical attention, **MUST** be directed to either the Orange County Corrections Department or the Osceola County

Corrections Department, depending upon which County facility is currently housing the requesting inmate. The applicable Corrections Department shall have the duty, as the approving authority, to grant or deny inmate Community Leave privileges unless such privileges have been specifically prohibited by order of the court.

In the event that an inmate does not qualify for Community Leave in accordance with the established policies of the Orange County and Osceola County Corrections Departments, an inmate may seek a court ordered release. Should the requested release be granted by the court, the policies of the applicable Corrections Department governing release procedures shall be followed.

Administrative Order No. 2008-04-01 is vacated and set aside and has been incorporated and/or amended herein.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 13th day of March, 2012.

_____/s/_____
Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge

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