

**ORDER CONCERNING RELEASE OF
INMATES OF COUNTY JAIL**

WHEREAS, it appears that there currently exists a condition of overcrowding in the County Jail, which is aggravated by increased arrests during weekends and holidays; and,

WHEREAS, it further appears that Justice and public interests would be better served by authorizing custodians of county jail inmates more latitude in the release of prisoners before weekends and holidays;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that

1. The Sheriff of Orange County is hereby authorized to release prisoners serving time under sentence in the Orange County Jail according to the following schedule:

a. Prisoners whose sentences would be completed on a Saturday or Sunday may be released at any time after noon on the preceding Friday;

b. Prisoners whose sentences would be completed on a holiday may be released at any time after noon on the day preceding the holiday, provided, however, that if the holiday falls on a Monday, the prisoner may be released at any time after noon on the preceding Friday;

c. The above provisions for early release from custody shall not apply to:

(1) Persons detained under an Order of Contempt

(2) Persons sentenced to a ten (10) day sentence or less, including any person ordered to serve time on weekends only.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 6th day of March, 1979

Richard B. Keating
Chief Judge