

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2.078

IN RE:

MANDATORY FIRST APPEARANCE
FOR VIOLATION OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER
REQUIRING ISOLATION OF
INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING TO
FLORIDA DURING COVID-19
PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida, by Executive Order 20-52, has declared a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, many cases of COVID-19 in Florida resulted from individuals coming into the State of Florida from international travel and travel from other states, posing great risk to Florida residents; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-82 requiring the isolation or quarantine of individuals whose point of departure originated outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York) for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-82 applies retroactively to all persons who have visited areas with substantial community spread within the past 14 days and also requires these individuals to inform any individual in Florida with whom they have

had direct physical contact in the past 21 days that they traveled from an area with substantial community spread.; and

WHEREAS, Failure to follow Executive Order 20-82 is a second-degree misdemeanor pursuant to section 252.50, Florida Statutes, and is punishable by imprisonment not to exceed 60 days, a fine not to exceed \$500, or both; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit to implement all reasonable and appropriate measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and assure public safety,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That when an individual is arrested for a violation of the provisions of Executive Order 20-82 and pursuant to Florida Statutes sections 252.47 and 381.0012(5), the schedule of bonds contained in Administrative Order 2.063/10-1 does not apply. A First Appearance before a judge is mandatory prior to release from custody in these cases.
2. That this Order takes effect immediately upon signing and remains in effect until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, including any extensions, or upon an Executive Order lifting the isolation or quarantine.

DONE AND ORDERED at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this 26 day of March 2020.



MARK H. JONES, CHIEF JUDGE