UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2003-110

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IN RE: Temporary Closing of the Miami Federal Courthouse Complex During week of November 17 through 21, 2003
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The Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) is meeting in Downtown Miami during the week of November 17 through 21, 2003. Based on past experience with meetings of similar organizations, law enforcement officials anticipate large-scale demonstrations in the Downtown Miami area during the meeting. As a result, the local law enforcement community has designated a special security zone which encompasses all three Federal courthouses in Miami. In the interest of public safety, and to avoid unnecessary travel by Court staff and public within the designated FTAA security zones, it is hereby

ORDERED that United States District Court locations at 301 North Miami Avenue, 300 NE First Avenue, and 99 NE Fourth Street be closed during this period, and that all United States District Court functions that would normally be conducted in Miami will be carried out from the Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach courthouses. Attorneys and the public should not attempt to conduct routine business in person at the Miami Division during that period. Routine filings should be submitted through the mail or via the Court's electronic filing system. All emergency filings or similar matters requiring personal attention must be brought to the

Federal courthouse at 299 Broward Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It is further

ORDERED that no federal criminal nor civil hearings or trials be scheduled or held in Miami during this period, and that new arrests and daily magistrate duty court hearings that would normally be held in Miami **and** Fort Lauderdale be heard at the Federal Courthouse located at 701 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, Florida. In order to facilitate the temporary changes directed herein, it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court assign sufficient personnel and equipment to the Federal courthouses located at 299 Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and 701 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach Florida, to accept and process emergency filings or similar matters requiring priority attention; to process Miami filings received over the counter, via the United States Mail or the Court's Electronic Filing program; and to assist with the increased Magistrate Court workload engendered by the diversion of new criminal matters to the Palm Beach Division. In order to facilitate litigants' filing of Miami matters at the Fort Lauderdale Courthouse, it is further

ORDERED that Local Rule 5.1.B, which requires all papers to be filed in the division where the assigned Judge is chambered, be temporarily suspended during the week of November 17 through 21, 2003, so that litigants may file Miami case documents in the Fort Lauderdale Courthouse. It is further

Ordered that the deadline for "nightbox" treatment of pleadings filed over the counter at the Fort Lauderdale Courthouse during this period be extended from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 30th day of October, 2003.

WILLIAM J. ZLOCH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: Chief Judge J. L. Edmonson, Eleventh Circuit
All Southern District Judges
All Southern District Magistrate Judges
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