

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

CRIMINAL DUTY MATTERS: WEST PALM BEACH COURTHOUSE

Notice of procedures for West Palm Beach Criminal Duty matters before Magistrate Judges Dave Lee Brannon, William Matthewman, and Bruce E. Reinhart.

Due to the national health emergency and related social distancing and travel restrictions resulting from COVID-19, the above West Palm Beach Magistrate Judges will hold Duty Court on criminal matters on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 10:00 a.m., unless the matter is an emergency or is an otherwise time-sensitive matter that arises. In addition, because criminal proceedings cannot be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety, criminal intake matters, such as initial appearances, arraignments, pretrial detention and bond hearings, supervised release violations, and removal hearings, will be conducted by video or telephonic conferencing to the extent permitted by law and with the Defendant's consent. Instructions on how the parties can access the Court's video or teleconferencing systems will be provided by separate order. In addition, incarcerated defendants may appear by video from the U.S. Marshal's Cell Block and can consult with their counsel by private phone line. Lastly, *ex parte* criminal matters brought by the Government, such as motions to seal, applications for criminal complaints and search warrants, trap and trace and pen register orders, etc., will also be handled remotely. Instructions on the procedures for remote handling of *ex parte* matters can be obtained by calling the respective Judge's CRDs.

1) Access to Criminal Court duty hearings will be made available to the public via teleconference. To participate by phone, please call:

WEST PALM BEACH MAGISTRATE JUDGE DUTY COURT
USA Toll-Free Number: (888) 684-8852
Enter Access Code: 3150713

2) Questions regarding access should be directed to: Court-Admin_FLSD@flsd.uscourts.gov

3) Participants are reminded of the prohibitions regarding photographing, recording and broadcasting of court proceedings (Local Rule 77.1, provided below);

4) Participants who violate Local Rule 77.1 may face sanctions including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the judicial officer.

RULE 77.1 PHOTOGRAPHING, BROADCASTING, TELEVISIONING

Other than required by authorized personnel in the discharge of official duties, all forms of equipment or means of photographing, audio- or video- recording, broadcasting or televising within the environs of any place of holding court in the District, including courtrooms, chambers, adjacent rooms, hallways, doorways, stairways, elevators or offices of supporting personnel, whether the Court is in session or at recess, is prohibited; except that: (a) photographing in connection with naturalization hearings or other special proceedings, as approved by a Judge of this Court, will be permitted; and (b) following a declaration of a local, state, or national emergency, audio and video recording may be permitted by order of the Court.