

United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida  
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Press Release

**United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida Closed on Thursday and Friday, October 27 - 28, 2005**

Due to widespread power outages in the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma affecting court locations and potentially compromising the safety of commuters, as well as the lack of safe drinking water in some locations, Chief United States District Judge William J. Zloch announced today that the United States District Court will remain closed on Thursday and Friday, October 27 - 28, 2005. This announcement applies to the operations of the United States District Court at its Key West, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Fort Pierce locations. No hearings or trials will take place, nor will Clerk's Office or United States Probation offices be open at any of the District's locations. The United States Bankruptcy Court will also remain closed.

A further announcement about the status of the District Court's operations will be made by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Information concerning the status of the Court's operations can also be found on the Court's website at [www.flsd.uscourts.gov](http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov).