

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-10

**IN RE: CREATION OF FELONY MENTAL HEALTH OFFENDER PROGRAM
DIVISION CR-X**

WHEREAS, The Tristin Murphy Act (Florida Senate Bill 168) was signed into law on June 25, 2025 and became effective on October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the bill was named for Tristin Murphy, who tragically took his own life in a Florida prison in 2021; and

WHEREAS, mentally ill defendants in the criminal justice system need additional treatment options; and

WHEREAS, a program entitled the Felony Mental Health Offender Program (hereinafter "Felony MHOP") is being established under section 916.136, Florida Statutes, in Duval County, Florida, to address the needs of felony defendants with mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the program will involve the cooperative efforts of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Jacksonville City Council, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, City of Jacksonville, the Sulzbacher Center, the Office of the State Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, Lutheran Services of Florida, and Gateway Community Services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of this program that a new division be established to address the cases referred to that program on a specialized calendar; and

WHEREAS, Felony Court Division CR-X will be established as a division in the Circuit Court Division of Duval County to address cases referred to Felony MHOP; and

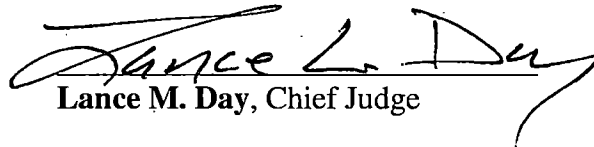
WHEREAS, all cases referred to Felony MHOP may be passed into Division CR-X; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and pursuant to Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), it is

ORDERED:

1. Circuit Court Division CR-X is hereby established.
2. This Administrative Order shall be recorded by the Clerk of Court in the Official Records of Duval County, in the State of Florida, and shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect unless and until otherwise ordered by the Court.

DONE in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida this 4th day of June 2026.


Lance M. Day, Chief Judge

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