

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6.313-7/22*

IN RE: EXPLOITATION OF
VULNERABLE ADULT INJUNCTIONS
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Florida Statute sections 825.1035 and 825.1036 sets forth the procedures from filing to disposition of Injunctions for Protection Against Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult. Internal processes are to be implemented to effectuate the court's obligations under the statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

A. CASE ASSIGNMENT OF PETITION FOR INJUNCTIONS OR TEMPORARY INJUNCTIONS

1. Upon receiving a petition for injunction – or temporary injunction - for protection against exploitation of a vulnerable adult, the Clerk and Comptroller shall assign the case to one of the following Probate/Guardianship Division: **IA or IZ.**
2. The Clerk and Comptroller will check its case maintenance system and CCIS to determine if there is a pending action under Chapter 744 or another related case.
 - a. If a Chapter 744 case is pending in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, the Petition **will be filed and assigned to the same presiding judge as the open guardianship case.**
 - b. If a Chapter 744 case is pending in another circuit, the Clerk and Comptroller will open a case in the guardianship division and inform the assigned judge so that a transfer order can be issued.
 - c. If a related UFC case is pending in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, the Clerk and Comptroller will follow in the procedures outlined in Administrative Order 5.101.

The Clerk and Comptroller shall promptly deliver the petition for injunction or petition for temporary injunction and all necessary documents and information to the **judge assigned to the case, via the designated electronic email accounts of the presiding judge, judicial assistant and cad-divisional address.** A petition for injunction or petition for temporary injunction filed in the West County Courthouse, will be sent to **Division IA.**

B. SCHEDULING OF HEARING

Upon the entry of a temporary injunction, or upon the filing of the petition for injunction

if temporary relief is not requested, the judge reviewing the matter will schedule the hearing on the assigned judge's next Wednesday docket at 10am. The clerk will docket the notice of hearing.

C. ASSISTANCE WITH VIOLATIONS OF INJUNCTIONS

The Clerk and Comptroller is the office designated as the central intake point for injunction violations and where the petitioner can receive assistance in the preparation of the affidavit in support of violation.

D. SERVICE OF INJUNCTIONS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST EXPLOITATION OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

1. Florida Statute § 825.1035(10)(a)1.c provides that the Chief Judge of each circuit, in consultation with the appropriate sheriff, may authorize a law enforcement agency within the Chief Judge's jurisdiction to effect service of the injunction and temporary injunction on the respondent and affected financial institutions. The Chief Judge has consulted with the Sheriff of Palm Beach County with regard to which law enforcement agencies within Palm Beach County have received the training necessary to effectively serve the injunctions and temporary injunctions. The following agencies are hereby authorized to serve the injunctions and temporary injunctions.

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| 1. The City of Atlantis Police Dept. | 13. The Town of Manalapan Police Dept. |
| 2. The City of Boca Raton Police Dept. | 14. The Village of North Palm Beach Police Dept. |
| 3. The City of Boynton Beach Police Dept. | 15. The Town of Ocean Ridge Police Dept. |
| 4. The City of Delray Beach Police Dept. | 16. The Town of Palm Beach Police Dept. |
| 5. The Florida Atlantic University Police Dept. | 17. The City of Palm Beach Gardens Police Dept. |
| 6. The Town of Gulf Stream Police Dept. | 18. The Town of Palm Beach Shores Police Dept. |
| 7. The Town of Highland Beach Police Dept. | 19. The Village of Palm Springs Police Dept. |
| 8. The Town of Juno Beach Police Dept. | 20. The City of Riviera Beach Police Dept. |
| 9. The Town of Jupiter Police Dept. | 21. The School Board of Palm Beach County Police Dept. |
| 10. The Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Dept. | 22. The Town of South Palm Beach Police Dept. |
| 11. The Town of Lake Clarke Shores | 23. The Village of Tequesta Police Dept. |
| 12. The Town of Lantana Police Dept.
Police Dept. | 24. The City of West Palm Beach Police Dept. |

2. The Clerk and Comptroller's office will forward a certified copy of the order and a copy of the petition to the law enforcement agency for service

DONE and SIGNED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 6th day of July, 2022



Glenn D. Kelley
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order no. 6.313-4/19