

THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 15-2
(Court Administration)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 15-06

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CASES INVOLVING
CHILDREN KNOWN OR SUSPECTED OF
BEING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IN THE DEPENDENCY SECTION OF THE
JUVENILE DIVISION

WHEREAS, Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, grants the Chief Judge the authority to adopt administrative orders necessary to ensure the operation of the court system; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined, that in the interest of judicial economy, the Chief Judge finds it necessary to establish procedures for the expeditious and efficient resolution of cases involving children known or suspected of being a victim of human trafficking ("Human Trafficking Cases"), as provided in section 787.706, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, specialized training and expertise of the judiciary is required in order to appropriately handle Human Trafficking Cases; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Maria Sampedro-Iglesia has received such training and has the expertise;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. All cases involving children known or suspected of being a victim of human trafficking, initially filed in the dependency section of the Juvenile Division and unrelated to any other cases in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, shall be assigned and, if necessary, transferred by the Clerk of Court to the Honorable Maria Sampedro-Iglesia.
2. In the event Judge Sampedro-Iglesia is unavailable, the Administrative Judge of the Juvenile Division shall determine who shall handle the Human Trafficking Case(s) in her stead.

3. If related cases are identified in other divisions of the Circuit after the assignment or transfer of the Human Trafficking Cases to Judge Sampedro-Iglesia, the disposition of such cases shall be governed by the procedures established for handling crossover related cases in the Circuit, as applicable.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon signing, and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this 5th day of March, 2015.

**BERTILA SOTO, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**