

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 79-1
(Court Administration)

IN RE: CREATION OF A CENTRAL
GOVERNMENTAL ENFORCE-
MENT SYSTEM FOR THE
COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT
WITHIN DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 79-43

PURSUANT to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida; and

PURSUANT to the authority vested in the Chief Judge of the Circuit by Statute 61.181(3), this Court makes the following findings:

1. The County Commission in and for Metropolitan Dade County, the governing body referred to in Florida Statutes 61.181(3) has approved the creation of a central governmental enforcement system for the collection of child support within Dade County and has appropriated funds to the Court for the creation of this system;

2. To promote efficient, orderly enforcement of child support orders, one system and agency should be responsible for the enforcement of child support orders involving resident parents as well as orders involving one non-resident parent. The system which existed previously whereby the State Attorney was responsible for enforcement of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Law involving parents not residents in the State of Florida, and a county agency was responsible for enforcement of child support orders in which both parents were residents of the State, produced costly and inefficient duplication of effort.

3. Janet Reno is a member in good standing of the Bar of Florida. The Court finds no legal prohibition whatsoever to the State Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit administering the enforcement system referred to in Florida Statutes 61.181(3) as an officer and arm of this Court; and

4. By consolidating responsibility for enforcement of all child support orders with the State Attorney, an orderly, efficient system of enforcement will be established in this County.

THEREFORE it is ORDERED that:

1. The Court hereby creates the central governmental enforcement system for Dade County for the enforcement of support payments as ordered by this Court from time to time, and possessed of those powers and charged with those duties set out in Section 61.181, Florida Statutes;
2. Janet Reno be and she is hereby appointed as the Court's representative in all child support enforcement matters and as administrator of the child support enforcement system referred to in Florida Statutes 61.181(3) and with those duties set out in Section 61.181(4), Florida Statutes;
3. The Court will fund the system for all child support enforcement efforts over and beyond those required of the State Attorney pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 88, to the extent the State Attorney is unable to recover such costs through available federal assistance. The State Attorney will not be required to provide funding for the enforcement of child support orders other than those required of her pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 88; and
4. Janet Reno as such administrator of the central governmental enforcement system for Dade County, Florida, hereby created, be and she is hereby authorized to receive and administer funds from this Court out of funds appropriated by Dade County in its annual budgets for the 1979-80 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.
5. This Order supersedes Administrative Order No. 78-112-S.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 27th day of September, 1979.

EDWARD D. COWART, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA