

5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT POLICY REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF INCARCERATED PERSONS

1. It is the policy of the 5th Judicial District to avoid transportation of incarcerated persons for hearings or other judicial proceedings when an electronic hearing is possible and adequate.
2. An incarcerated person should not be transported to court for an in-person hearing or other judicial proceeding if an electronic hearing is possible and adequate.
3. If a Circuit Judge makes a determination that an incarcerated person must be transported to court in order to conduct a hearing or other judicial proceeding, and that an electronic hearing is not possible and adequate, the Circuit Judge may enter a prisoner transport order and require the transportation of the incarcerated person for the purpose of attending the hearing or other judicial proceedings. Such an order should be based upon an individualized determination of the circumstances, and adequate security consultations should occur with the transporting entity and the court security officers.
4. Each Circuit Judge who enters an order for the transportation of incarcerated persons should take action to involve affected custodians,

transportation officers, and court security officials in the determinations of the need to transport incarcerated persons for hearings or other judicial proceedings.