IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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N RE:	COMPOSITE BONDS)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
)	NO. 3.21

WHEREAS, for purposes of this administrative order, a composite bond is defined as a single bond, set for a specific amount, that covers more than one pending case for a single defendant; and

WHEREAS, the administration of a composite bond creates difficulties and uncertainties when the cases covered by the composite bond are not closed or resolved simultaneously;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.050, as follows:

- The imposition of a composite bond is hereby discouraged. The County and Circuit
 Judges of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit are encouraged to order a separate bond to be applied to
 each individual case.
- 2. However, in instances where a Judge of this circuit orders a composite bond, the composite bond shall be deemed to be divided into equal amounts to be applied as separate bonds to each individual case number. In situations where the composite bond is not equally divisible by the number of separate cases, the composite bond shall be deemed to be divided in a manner in which the separate bonds are rounded up or down to the nearest whole dollar so that the total of the separate bonds equals the composite bond amount, and so that the lowest bond shall apply to the case number which is lowest in sequence and the highest bond shall apply to the case number which is highest in sequence. For example, a \$10,000.00 composite bond applied to case numbers 05-001, 05-002, and 05-003 shall be deemed to be divided as follows: \$3,333.00 bond in case number 05-001, \$3,333.00 bond in case number 05-002, and \$3,334.00 in

case number 05-003.

3. To the extent that any provision of this Administrative Order may be construed as being in conflict with any law, statute, or rule, the law, statute, or rule shall prevail.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Naples, Collier County, Florida, this 25 day of February, 2005.

Hugh D. Hayes
Chief Judge

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF LEE

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