

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7.610

AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENSE BOND

WHEREAS, Rule 6.340(a), Florida Rules of Traffic Court, provides that a defendant who has elected a trial or hearing to determine whether a traffic infraction was committed may, in lieu of a personal appearance, file an affidavit of defense or admission that the infraction was committed; and

WHEREAS, Rule 6.340(b), Florida Rules of Traffic Court, provides that the trial court may require a bond to be posted before the court will accept an affidavit in lieu of the defendant's appearance at trial; now,

THEREFORE, it is hereby

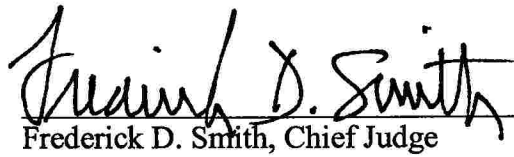
ORDERED that:

1. A defendant in a civil traffic infraction case who elects to file an affidavit of defense or admission in lieu of a personal appearance must post with the Clerk of Court a bond in the amount of the civil penalty provided in Chapter 318, Florida Statutes, for the infraction with which the defendant is charged.
2. The bond may be posted in the form of a personal check, business check, cashier's check, or money order.
3. An affidavit of defense or admission filed without a bond will not be considered as evidence by the court.

4. The Clerk of Court shall provide reasonable notice to any defendant who is required to post a bond under this administrative order.

5. A defendant charged with an infraction for which a hearing is mandatory may not file an affidavit of defense or admission in lieu of a personal appearance.

ORDERED on 18 May, 2007.


Frederick D. Smith, Chief Judge