

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAY COUNTY

In re: Kevin Wood

Administrative Order Number: 02-06

ORDER REAFFIRMING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 98-03


This matter is considered by the Court upon its own initiative. On April 24, 1998, Circuit Judge Glenn L. Hess entered an order entitled "Administrative Order" governing access to the Bay County Courthouse by Kevin Wood. The Order sets out the reasons for which it was entered and describes the procedure by which Wood may access the court system. Since then, the Order has been reviewed by the Bay County Grand Jury and a Federal Court. This order is entered to preclude the further waste of judicial resources.

By Administrative Plan 97-06 dated July 1, 1997 the undersigned, as the Chief Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, designated Judge Hess the Bay County Administrative Judge; he is also the administrative judge for security matters at the Bay County Courthouse. With the administrative responsibilities assigned, Judge Hess is authorized to take any administrative actions that are required, including the entry of necessary orders to effect the duties to which he is assigned.

The Order of April 24, 1998 was an order entered of necessity. The Courts have inherent power to protect themselves and their proceedings from unreasonable disruptions by litigants and to ensure the orderly administration of the Court System. See *Copeland v. Green*, 949 F.2d 390 (11th Cir. 1991). The Order was squarely within the responsibilities and powers assigned to Judge Hess. Moreover, the undersigned reviewed and approved the order prior to its entry. Since then, the procedures set out in the order have proven to be effective. It is therefore,

Adjudged that the Administrative Order was validly entered, that it should continue in effect, and that it is approved nunc pro tunc April 24, 1998.

Done and ordered in chambers in Panama City, Bay County, Florida on this 21 day of October, 2002.



Honorable Judy M. Pittman
Chief Judge

cc: Honorable Glenn L. Hess, Circuit Judge
Honorable Harold Bazzel, Clerk of the Court
Bay County Sheriff's Office, Court Services Division

