

STATEWIDE GRAND JURY NUMBER TWENTY

**ORDER AUTHORIZING CHIEF JUDGES OF THE
JUDICIAL CIRCUITS TO DETERMINE WHETHER
PROSPECTIVE GRAND JURORS ARE UNQUALIFIED OR
EXEMPT FROM JURY SERVICE, OR SHOULD BE EXCUSED**

WHEREAS, Rule 2.255, “Statewide Grand Jury”, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, authorizes the presiding judge of the statewide grand jury to appoint the chief judges of those judicial circuits where prospective statewide grand jurors reside to determine whether such individuals are unqualified or exempt from service or should be excused from service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Statewide Grand Jury must be drawn from the certified jury lists submitted by the Chief Judges of the Eleventh, Fifteenth, and Seventeenth Judicial Circuits pursuant to the February 25, 2019 Florida Supreme Court order impaneling the Twentieth Statewide Grand Jury;

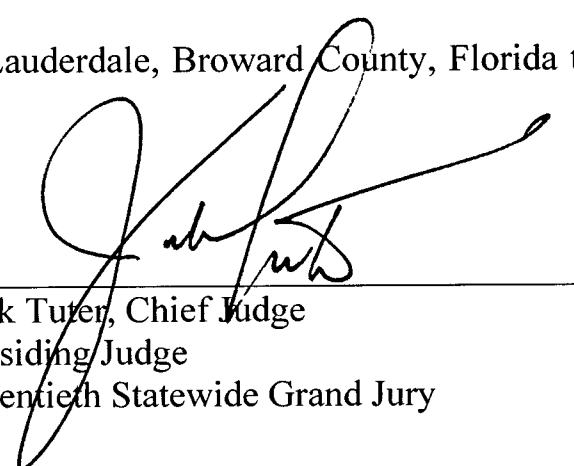
WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutory authority vested in the undersigned as presiding judge of the Twentieth Statewide Grand Jury, and pursuant to the Florida Supreme Court’s order and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.255, I find it to be in the best interests of the Statewide Grand Jury to make such appointments; and, now therefore,

It is ORDERED as follows:

The Chief Judges of the Eleventh and Fifteenth Judicial Circuits are hereby appointed to determine, if contacted by a prospective statewide grand juror, as to whether he or she:

1. Meets the qualifications of chapter 905, Florida Statutes, and the qualifications required by jurors in the county in which he or she resides;
2. Meets the requirements for exemption from the Statewide Grand jury service under chapter 905, Florida Statutes, or from service as a Statewide Grand juror in the county in which he or she resides;
3. Should be excused from service because of an unreasonable personal or financial hardship which will be caused by virtue of the location or projected length of the Statewide Grand jury investigation.
4. The Chief Judges of the Eleventh and Fifteenth Circuit Judges may appoint an alternate judge to assist in resolving requests from prospective statewide grand jurors for exemptions or excuses for hardship.

DONE AND ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this
14 day of March 2019.



Jack Tuter, Chief Judge
Presiding Judge
Twentieth Statewide Grand Jury

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