

LOCAL RULE 11 | CIVIL FORFEITURES

Actions pursuant to Florida Statute 932.701. In accord with changes enacted by the Florida Legislature regarding Florida Statute 932.701, the 17th Judicial Circuit Civil Division has implemented the following procedures for any Law Enforcement Agency making application for Ex-parte Probable Cause Orders within ten (10) business days after the date of the seizure, and prior to the filing of the verified forfeiture complaint:

1. Any application for an ex-parte probable cause determination and any affidavits or attachments thereto shall be sent electronically to forfeiture@17th.flcourts.org no later than 10 business days following the date of seizure.
2. The email shall be from the email address registered for criminal warrants. If the email is sent from a non-registered email address it will not be opened or any action taken on the application and sworn affidavit.
3. After review, an Order will be returned electronically to the email address from the Agency making application.
4. If the initial application is denied for Lack Of Probable Cause, and any subsequent application is made within the (10) business day period, the new application shall be an "Amended Application" and indicate in the body of the text the dates of all previous submissions and the name of the Judge to whom the original submission was made.
5. The attached proposed Order regarding the petition is attached and shall be provided with the application for an ex-parte Probable Cause determination.

