IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,   CASE NO.:   _____

vs.   DIV.:   _____

_____,   JUDGE: _____
    Defendant.
_____/

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEFENSE TO
INCUR COSTS FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

THIS CAUSE having coming before the Court upon the Motion to Incur Costs for Private

Investigator in the above entitled cause; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and

the response of the Justice Administrative Commission, the Court finds that the defense

has shown that the assistance of a private investigator is necessary for the defense of

the case.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

    1.   The defense is authorized to incur up to $_____ for private investigator

services at the rates established by law.

    2.   Any private investigator providing services in this matter must be properly

licensed in accordance with Florida law.

    3.   Any private investigator shall only be compensated for providing

investigative services including but not limited to Interviewing and locating witnesses,

locating documents, performing background checks, and researching factual issues. An

investigator is not a substitute for a paralegal or secretary and cannot be compensated

for performing tasks of a paralegal, secretarial or administrative nature.

4.   Should any private investigator desire direct payment from the Justice Administrative Commission, the private investigator must enter into a contract with the Justice Administrative Commission. The defense and private investigator must comply with all policies and procedures of the Justice Administrative Commission related to the submission of billings for direct payment to a due process vendor.

5.   The Defendant is liable to pay the amount of any due process costs provided to the defense as directed by section 27.52 and section 938.29, Florida Statutes. If the Defendant is convicted, the Court is responsible for determining the amount of the obligation to be imposed as a lien against the Defendant.

DONE AND ORDERED in _____, _____ County on this _____ day of _____.

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