

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,

CASE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

vs.

DIV.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Defendant.

JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MOTION TO INCUR COSTS FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR**

COMES NOW the Defendant, by and through the undersigned counsel, and moves to incur costs for a defense private investigator and in support thereof, shows the following:

1. The Defendant is indigent and the undersigned [was appointed by the Court to represent the Defendant]/[is privately retained and the Court previously found the Defendant indigent for costs]. [PICK WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE].
2. The defense requires the assistance of a private investigator to assist in preparing the defense of this matter including but not limited to interviewing and locating witnesses, locating documents, performing background checks, and researching factual issues.
3. The defense requests authorization for up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ at the rates established by law for private investigator services in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the defense requests this Court enter an order authorizing the defense to incur costs for a private investigator as set forth above at the rates established by law.

Respectfully submitted,

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**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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