

**IN AND FOR THE COURTS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE SRCAD 2019-02
(vacates SRCAD 2008-02)**

**RE: SITUS DESIGNATION FOR DISCOVERY DEPOSITIONS OF CHILDREN
UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS**

WHEREAS, §3.220 *Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure* requires video and audio tape recording of discovery depositions given by children under the age of eighteen (18) years; and

WHEREAS, §3.220 *Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure* authorizes the court to designate a location for discovery depositions; and

WHEREAS, the taking of a deposition may be foreign and intimidating to children, particularly in certain types of criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Kids' House is a non-threatening, neutral environment with specially designed interview rooms equipped with concealed audio visual recording equipment and separate observation areas which will aide in minimizing the impact of the process on a child; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Kids' House has agreed to make the facility available for depositions of children under the age of eighteen (18) years in all criminal cases; it is

ORDERED effective immediately any deposition of a child under the age of eighteen (18) years conducted in a criminal case will be conducted at the Santa Rosa Kids' House located at 5643 Stewart Street, Milton, Florida, 32570 unless all parties agree to another location. Upon good cause shown, counsel may petition the court to schedule the deposition at a neutral location other than the Santa Rosa Kids' House.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Milton, Santa Rosa County, Florida, this _9th _day of May, 2019.

/S/ JOHN F. SIMON, JR.

JOHN F. SIMON, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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