

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE SRCAD 1993-02

IN RE: INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

WHEREAS, §90.6063, *Florida Statutes* (1991), provides in part that in all judicial proceedings and in sessions of a Grand Jury wherein any person whose hearing is seriously impaired as to prohibit the person from understanding oral communications when spoken in a normal, conversational tone is a complainant, defendant, witness, or otherwise a party, the Court or presiding officers shall appoint a qualified Interpreter to interpret the proceedings for the hearing impaired person, and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act requires the elimination of all barriers to all court-related services and processes for persons with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Courts of Santa Rosa County to insure that all individuals have equal access to all judicial proceedings regardless of disability or impairment,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. That all law enforcement personnel having official contact (to include taking complaints and conducting investigations) with the hearing impaired shall provide Interpreters for the hearing impaired.
2. All reports generated by law enforcement personnel, and which are forwarded to the Clerk of Court for Santa Rosa County, shall be prominently marked in red ink that an Interpreter is required and specify the individual needing the Interpreter.
3. The Clerk of Court, upon receipt of the foregoing report or reports indicating that a qualified Interpreter is required, shall immediately notify the judicial assistant for the judge to which said case is assigned who shall make arrangements to provide for a qualified Interpreter as defined in §90.6063, *Florida Statutes* (1991), for all judicial proceedings.
4. The Clerk of Court shall clearly mark all court files to reflect that a qualified Interpreter is required in that case and to identify the individual by name and role.
5. This Order shall take effect February 1, 1993.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Milton, Santa Rosa County, Florida, this 26th day of January, 1993.

Signed by: Paul Rasmussen
Administrative Judge

Copies of Administrative Directive 1993-02 to:

Honorable John T. Parnham
Honorable John Kuder
Honorable Kenneth B. Bell
Honorable Colie Nichols
Wayne Peacock, Court Administrator
William M. McLellan, Clerk of the Court
Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Department
Milton Police Department
Gulf Breeze Police Department
Department of Corrections
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Florida Highway Patrol
Florida Marine Patrol
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County
Resource Center for the Hearing Impaired
Center for Independent Living