

The glossary contains definitions of terms most frequently encountered in the collection and reporting of Summary Reporting System data. Generally, definitions are derived from Florida Statutes (F.S.) and/or Florida Rules of Court. Some are reproduced from either the State Court Model Statistical Dictionary, the Dictionary of Criminal Justice Data Terminology or Black's Law Dictionary. Definitions derived from these sources have been modified to reflect procedures and rules specific to Florida whenever appropriate.

### **Acquittal**

A judgment of a court, based on the verdict of either a jury or a judge, that the defendant is not guilty of any offense(s) of which she/he has been charged.

### **Adversary Preliminary Hearing**

A proceeding before a judge in which evidence is presented so that the court can determine whether there is sufficient cause to hold the accused for trial. (See rule 3.133(b), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure)

### **Appeal Filed From County Court**

A request that a case be removed from the county court and sent to the circuit court in order for the case to be reviewed.

### **Bond Hearing**

A hearing in which a defendant's pretrial release status is considered by a county court judge at a special hearing for the purpose of setting or modifying bond or other pretrial release.

### **Burglary**

Burglary as defined pursuant to chapter 810, Florida Statutes (except sections 810.08, 810.09, and 810.095).

### **Capital Murder**

Capital Murder as defined pursuant to sections 782.04(1)(a)(1), (1)(a)(2), (1)(a)(3) and 790.161(4), Florida Statutes.

## **Certification to Criminal Division**

The decision resulting from a transfer hearing that jurisdiction over an alleged delinquent will be waived and that he/she should be prosecuted as an adult in a criminal court.

## **Child Support**

All matters relating to child or spousal support pursuant to section 409.2564, Florida Statutes.

## **Circuit Size**

Groupings of judicial circuit size (large, medium and small) based upon cluster analysis of similar population and total circuit filings.

## **Civil (\$5,001 TO \$15,000)**

All matters involving claims ranging from \$5,001 through \$15,000 in damages, exclusive of interest, costs and attorney fees. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- C mortgage foreclosures (less than \$15,000);
- C complaint for interpleader;
- C equity matters (monetary); and
- C matters involving claims ranging from \$5,001 through \$15,000.

## **Civil Traffic Infraction**

A non-criminal traffic violation that requires a judge to dispose of the case as defined under rule 6.040, Florida Rules of Traffic Court.

## **Contested (Juvenile Dependency)**

A contested dependency case is defined as one in which an adjudicatory trial is held pursuant to section 39.507, Florida Statutes.

## **Conviction**

A judgment of a court, based either on the verdict of a jury, the decision of a judge or the guilty plea of the defendant, that the defendant is guilty of the offense(s) (or a lesser included offense) of which he/she has been charged.

**Default**

A manner of disposition in civil cases in which a defendant fails to contest the plaintiff's allegation.

**Defendant**

A person required to answer an accusation in a criminal case or traffic case, or a complaint in a civil case. Also referred to as the respondent.

**Delinquency**

All matters relating to juveniles who are charged with a felony or misdemeanor offense, contempt of court, or a violation of a local penal ordinance, other than a juvenile traffic offense.

**Dependency**

All matters relating to children who have been abandoned, abused or neglected by parents or other custodian pursuant to chapter 39, Florida Statutes; surrendered for the purpose of adoption pursuant to chapter 39, Florida Statutes; or children in need of services pursuant to chapter 984, Florida Statutes.

**Detention Hearing**

A proceeding before a judge of juvenile court to determine whether a juvenile is to be detained, continue to be detained or released while juvenile proceedings are pending in his/her case.

**Direct File**

The filing of an information against a juvenile who has been found to have committed two delinquent acts, one of which involved an offense classified under the law as a felony.

**Dismissed**

A manner of disposition in which the jurisdiction of the court is terminated before a judgment is reached.

**Dismissed, Settled, or Disposed After Hearing**

Cases that are: dismissed after a hearing is held due to lack of prosecution, voluntarily dismissed after a hearing is held, disposed after a hearing is held, or disposed upon entry of an order of dismissal by the court pursuant to a stipulation and agreement after a hearing is held.

## **Dismissed, Settled, or Disposed Before Hearing**

Cases that are: dismissed before a hearing is held due to lack of prosecution, voluntarily dismissed prior to a hearing, settled prior to a hearing, or disposed upon entry of an order of dismissal by the court pursuant to a stipulation and agreement prior to a hearing.

## **Disposed by Default**

Cases disposed after a defendant fails to contest the plaintiff's allegation(s), and a judgment or order against the defendant is entered by the court.

## **Disposed by Judge**

Cases disposed by a judgment or disposition reached by the judge in a case which is not dismissed and in which no trial is held.

## **Disposed By Jury Trial**

Cases disposed after a judgement or decision is reached, after a jury trial begins including cases disposed that settle after the jurors and alternates are sworn, even if the jury did not reach a verdict.

## **Disposed By Non-Jury Trial (Bench or Judge Trial)**

Cases disposed as a result of a contested trial in which there is no jury and a judge determines both the issues of fact and law in a case.

## **Disposed By Other**

Cases that do not meet the requirements of the previously described disposition categories including cases disposed which are consolidated into a primary case, cases transferred to another court or have a change of venue, cases disposed when a suggestion of bankruptcy is filed, or bond estreature cases where a hearing is held.

## **Disposition**

The final decision or judgment which terminates a judicial proceeding. Examples include disposed by judge, disposed by jury, no file, dismissed, transferred, convicted after plea, adjudication withheld, acquitted, convicted, dismissed before hearing, dismissed after hearing, bond estreature and non-jury trial.

**Dissolution**

Petitions for the dissolution of marriage other than simplified dissolution and annulment.

**Domestic Violence**

All matters relating to petitions for injunctions for protection against domestic violence pursuant to section 741.30, Florida Statutes.

**Drugs**

Drug cases as defined pursuant to chapter 893, Florida Statutes (except sections 893.06(4) and 859.05).

**Eminent Domain**

All matters relating to the taking of private property for public use including inverse condemnation by state agencies, political subdivisions, and public service corporations.

**Evictions**

All matters involving the dispossession of land or rental property by process of law.

**Filing**

The commencement of judicial proceedings by entering a charging document, complaint, or petition into the official record of a court.

**Florida Mental Health Act or Baker Act**

All matters relating to the care and treatment of individuals with mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders pursuant to sections 394.463 and 394.467, Florida Statutes.

**Foster Care Judicial Review Hearing**

A hearing held before a judge or general master whose purpose is to determine the status of children remaining in foster care or any status of a child pursuant to section 39.521, Florida Statutes.

## **Guardianship**

All matters relating to determination of status; contracts and conveyances of incompetents; maintenance custody of wards and their property interests; control and restoration of rights; appointment and removal of guardians pursuant to chapter 744, Florida Statutes; appointment of guardian advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities pursuant to section 393.12, Florida Statutes; and actions to remove the disabilities of non-age minors pursuant to sections 743.08 and 743.09, Florida Statutes.

## **Guilty Plea**

A plea by the defendant in a criminal or traffic prosecution admitting the commission of an offense with which he/she is charged or a lesser included offense.

## **Hearings**

Proceedings in which arguments, witnesses, or evidence are heard by a judicial officer or administrative body.

## **Judgment**

The statement of the decision of a court regarding the disposition of a case.

## **Jury Trial**

A trial in which a group of citizens are empaneled to determine the issues of fact in a case.

## **Misdemeanors (County Criminal)**

Any criminal offense that is punishable by a term of imprisonment in a county correctional facility, not to exceed one year. Also includes non-criminal violations as defined by section 775.08(3), Florida Statutes.

## **Modification (Domestic Relations Reopening)**

Cases previously reported as disposed which are reactivated or resubmitted to the court for action to modify a previous judgment or decision (i.e. modifications relation to a change in the amount of child support, modifications relating to a change in residential status of a child, and modifications relation to the conditions or length of visitation of a non-resident parent).

## **Municipal Ordinance**

All cases involving violations of local regulations passed by a municipality which are punishable by a fine less than \$500 and/or imprisonment in a county jail for less than 60 days.

## **Non-Capital Murder**

Non-Capital Murder as defined pursuant to sections 316.193(3)(c)(3)(a), (3)(c)(3)(b), and 327.35(1); chapter 782 (except 782.04(1)(a)(1) and 782.051(1)(a)(2) & (1)(a)(3)); sections 860.121(2)(d) and 860.091, Florida Statutes.

## **Non-Jury Trial**

A trial in which there is no jury and in which a judge determines both the issues of fact and law in a case.

## **Other (Circuit Criminal Filings)**

All other **felony** crimes not included in the described circuit criminal case types. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- C weapons charges;
- C resisting arrest;
- C contempt of court;
- C failure to appear; and
- C accessory after the fact.

## **Other (Domestic Relations Reopening)**

Cases previously reported as disposed which are reactivated or resubmitted to the court for action other than modification requests (i.e. motion to enforce judgment, motion and order to show cause, motion to enforce visitation, and motion for contempt).

## **Other Civil (Circuit Court)**

All civil matters not included in the described circuit civil categories. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- C declaratory judgments;
- C injunctions;
- C administrative agency appeals;
- C bond estreatures;
- C replevins;
- C habeas corpus proceedings;
- C forfeitures; and
- C interpleader.

## **Other Civil (Non-Monetary, County Court)**

All other non-monetary civil matters not included in the described county civil categories, but is not limited to county civil lawsuits involving:

- C equity matters (non-monetary);
- C control of animals;
- C interred bodies;
- C injunctive relief; and
- C declaratory judgments.

## Other Crimes Against Persons

Crimes Against Persons as defined pursuant to the following:

Sections 316.027(1a) & (1b), F.S.	Section 775.0877, F.S.	Chapter 914, F.S. (except 914.14)
Section 316.193(3)(c)(2), F.S.	Section 782.051(1),(2), & (3), F.S.	Sections 944.35(3)(a)(1), (2) & (4)(c), F.S.
Sections 316.1935(3) & (4)(b), F.S.	Chapter 784, F.S.	Section 944.44, F.S.
Section 316.545(1), F.S.	Chapter 787, F.S.	Section 985.4045(3)(c), F.S.
Section 322.34(6)(b), F.S.	Section 790.054, F.S.	
Section 327.30(5), F.S.	Section 796.08(5), F.S.	
Sections 327.35(3)(c)(3)(a) & (3)(c)(2), F.S.	Section 806.031(2), F.S.	
Section 370.036, F.S.	Section 823.07, F.S.	
Section 381.0041(11)(b), F.S.	Chapter 825, F.S. (except 825.1025(2), (3), & (4))	
Section 381.0081(3), F.S.	Chapter 827, F.S. (except 827.071(3), (4), & (5) & 827.08)	
Chapter 384, F.S. (except 384.24 (3) & (6))	Chapter 836, F.S.	
Chapter 401, F.S.	Sections 838.021(3a) & (3b), F.S.	
Section 415.111, F.S.	Section 843.01, F.S.	
Section 415.513, F.S.	Section 843.0855(4), F.S.	
Section 450.151, F.S.	Section 859.01, F.S.	
Section 468.629(1)(f), F.S.	Section 860.121(2)(c), F.S.	
Section 562.455, F.S.	Section 860.16, F.S.	
Section 767.13(3), F.S.		

## Other Crimes Against Property

Other Crimes Against Property as defined pursuant to the following:

Section 267.13(1)(b), F.S.  
Section 298.66(2), F.S.  
Section 316.0775, F.S.  
Section 376.3071(10)(a) & (10)(b), F.S.  
Chapter 590, F.S.  
Chapter 806, F.S. (except 806.031(2))  
Section 810.08, F.S.  
Section 810.09, F.S.  
Section 810.095, F.S.  
Chapter 828, F.S.  
Section 861.03, F.S.  
Chapter 872, F.S.

## Other Domestic Relations

All matters involving the following:

C adoption;  
C paternity;  
C change of name;  
C change of custody;  
C separate maintenance;  
C annulment;  
C delayed birth certificates pursuant to section 382.0195, Florida Statutes;  
C expedited affirmation of parental status pursuant to section 742.16, Florida Statutes;  
C termination of parental rights proceedings pursuant to section 63.087, Florida Statutes; and  
C other matters not included in the Domestic Relations described case type categories.

## **Other Social Cases**

All other matters involving involuntary commitment not included under the Baker and Substance Abuse Act categories. The following types of cases would be included, but not limited to:

- C Tuberculosis control cases pursuant to sections 392.55, 395.56, and 392.57, Florida Statutes.
- C Developmental disability cases under section 393.11, Florida Statutes.
- C Review of surrogate or proxy's health care decisions pursuant to section 765.105, Florida Statutes, and rule 5.900, Florida Probate Rules.
- C Incapacity determination cases pursuant to sections 744.3201, 744.3215 and 744.331, Florida Statutes.
- C Adult Protective Services Act cases pursuant to section 415.104, Florida Statutes.

## **Petition**

In a civil or probate case, a written document filed in the court, initiating the case and requesting a decision in a matter described therein.

In an appellate case, a written document for filing a request to appeal or an original jurisdiction case.

## **Plea**

A defendant's formal answer in court to the charges brought against him/her in a complaint, information, or indictment.

## **Post Conviction Relief Motion**

A motion to vacate, set aside, or correct a sentence, pursuant to rule 3.850, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.

## **Probate**

All matters relating to the validity of wills and their execution; distribution, management, sale, transfer and accounting of estate property; and ancillary administration pursuant to chapters 731, 732, 733, 734 and 735, Florida Statutes.

## **Probation Revocation Hearing**

A proceeding before a judge to determine whether the probation of a defendant should be modified or revoked following an alleged violation.

## **Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure**

All matters relating to the possession, title and boundaries of real property including:

- C purchase;
- C partition;
- C quieting title and removing encumbrances;
- C seals reformation;
- C rescissions and cancellation;
- C ejectment actions; and
- C all matters relating to the involvement of legal and equitable liens against real property including foreclosures and sales, and foreclosures associated with condominiums.

## **Reopened Case**

A case that has been reported previously as disposed, but is resubmitted to a court.

## **Repeat Violence**

All matters relating to petitions for injunctions for protection against repeat violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes.

## **Replevins**

All lawsuits pursuant to chapter 78, Florida Statutes, involving claims up to \$15,000.

## **Robbery**

Robbery as defined pursuant to the following:

- Sections 812.13(2)(a), (2)(b), and (2)(c), F.S.
- Sections 812.131(2)(a) and (2)(b), F.S.
- Sections 812.133(2)(a) and (2)(b), F.S.
- Section 812.135, F.S.

## **Sexual Offenses**

Sexual Offenses as defined pursuant to the following:

Chapter 491, F.S.  
Chapter 794, F.S. (except 794.0235(5)(a) & (5)(b))  
Chapter 800, F.S.  
Section 825.1025(2), F.S.  
Section 825.1025(3), F.S.  
Section 825.102(4), F.S.  
Chapter 826, F.S.  
Section 944.35(3)(b), F.S.  
Section 985.4045(1)(a)(2), F.S.

## **Shelter Hearings**

A hearing held to determine whether a child is to be sheltered, continued to be sheltered, or released while proceedings are pending in the case pursuant to section 39.402, Florida Statutes.

## **Simplified Dissolution**

Petitions for the termination of marriage filed pursuant to rule 12.105, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

## **Small Claims**

All matters involving claims up to and including \$5,000 in damages, exclusive of interest, costs and attorney fees. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- C Complaints for interpleader; and
- C Matters involving claims up to \$5,000.

## **Substance Abuse Act**

All matters related to the involuntary assessment/treatment of substance abuse pursuant to sections 397.6811 and 397.693, Florida Statutes.

## **Summary Reporting System (SRS)**

Florida State Courts System uniform case reporting system, pursuant to section 25.075(1), Florida Statutes.

## Theft, Forgery, Fraud

Theft, Forgery, and Fraud as defined pursuant to the following:

Chapter 24, F.S.	Chapter 220, F.S.	Chapter 365, F.S.
Section 39.205(6), F.S.	Section 240.5337(3), F.S.	Chapter 367, F.S.
Chapter 48, F.S.	Chapter 252, F.S.	Sections 370.13(2)(c)(2), (2)(c)(3), & (2)(c)(4), F.S.
Sections 63.212(1)(g), (1)(i), (4), & (5), F.S.	Chapter 255, F.S.	Chapter 341, F.S.
Chapter 103, F.S.	Section 267.13(1)(c), F.S.	Section 370.0605(10), F.S.
Chapter 104, F.S. (except 104.051(3); 104.0515(1), (2)(a), (2)(b), (3), (4); 104.081; 104.13; 104.23; 104.271; & 104.30)	Chapter 280, F.S.	Section 370.142, F.S.
Chapter 106, F.S.	Chapter 287, F.S.	372.83, F.S.
Chapter 116, F.S.	Section 288.039(2)(c), F.S.	Section 376.302(5), F.S.
Chapter 117, F.S.	Section 288.1045(2g), F.S.	Section 376.16(12), F.S.
Chapter 138, F.S.	Section 288.106(3d2), F.S.	Section 376.3071(10)(a), F.S.
Chapter 192, F.S.	Chapter 319, F.S. (except 319.28(1)(b) & 319.30(8)(b))	Chapter 377, F.S.
Chapter 198, F.S.	Section 319.30(2b), F.S.	Chapter 380, F.S.
Chapter 199, F.S.	Chapter 320, F.S.	Sections 381.0075(8)(a)(1) & (8)(a)(2), F.S.
Chapter 201, F.S.	Chapter 322, F.S. (except 322.34)	Section 381.89, F.S.
Chapter 206, F.S.	Chapter 325, F.S.	Chapter 382, F.S.
Chapter 207, F.S.	Chapter 326, F.S.	Section 384.34(3), F.S.
Chapter 210, F.S.	Chapter 328, F.S.	Section 391.205, F.S.
Chapter 211, F.S.	Chapter 329, F.S.	Section 402.319(2), F.S.
Chapter 212, F.S.	Chapter 330, F.S.	Section 402.61(10)(a)(1), F.S.

## Theft, Forgery, Fraud (continued)

Chapter 218, F.S.	Chapter 337, F.S.	Chapter 409, F.S. (except 409.175(11)(b)(1), (11)(b)(2), (11)(c) and 409.176(12)(d) & (12)(e))
Chapter 415, F.S.	Chapter 489, F.S. (except 489.133)	Section 561.24, F.S.
Chapter 420, F.S.	Chapter 493, F.S.	Section 561.32(2), F.S.
Chapter 440, F.S.	Chapter 494, F.S.	Sections 562.061, 562.28, 562.32, 562.45, F.S.
Chapter 443, F.S.	Chapter 496, F.S.	Chapter 585, F.S. (except 585.19 & 585.85)
Chapter 455, F.S.	Chapter 497, F.S. (except 497.409 & 497.439)	Sections 586.025(2), (3), & (5) and 586.03, F.S.
Chapter 458, F.S.	Chapter 498, F.S. (except 498.059(1) & (2))	Sections 609.05 & 609.06, F.S.
Chapter 459, F.S.	Chapter 499, F.S. (except 499.005(14); 499.06; 499.063; & 499.75(10), (1), (4))	Chapter 624, F.S.
Chapter 460, F.S.	Chapter 501, F.S.	Chapter 626, F.S.
Chapter 462, F.S.	Chapter 509, F.S.	Chapter 628, F.S. (except 628.271)
Chapter 463, F.S.	Chapter 513, F.S.	Chapter 629, F.S.
Chapter 464, F.S.	Chapter 517, F.S.	Chapter 633, F.S.
Chapter 465, F.S.	Chapter 527, F.S.	Chapter 641, F.S.
Chapter 466, F.S.	Chapter 538, F.S.	Chapter 648, F.S. (except 648.44(1)(j), (1)(m), (2), (8); 648.442; & 648.49)
Chapter 467, F.S.	Chapter 539, F.S.	Section 651.051, F.S.
Chapter 468, F.S. (except 468.45 and 468.629(1)(f) & (2))	Chapter 540, F.S.	Section 651.125, F.S.

## Theft, Forgery, Fraud (continued)

Chapter 474, F.S.	Section 843.08, F.S.
Chapter 483, F.S.	Sections 843.0855(2) & (3), F.S.
Chapter 559, F.S.	Chapter 542, F.S.
Chapter 484, F.S.	Section 552.22(2), F.S.
Chapter 703, F.S.	Chapter 560, F.S. (except 560.121(4), 560.125, & 560.129), F.S.
Chapter 713, F.S.	Section 849.10, F.S.
Chapter 718, F.S.	Section 860.145(4)(a), F.S.
Chapter 719, F.S.	Section 697.08, F.S.
Chapter 721, F.S.	Section 893.0(4), F.S.
Chapter 741, F.S.	Section 895.03, F.S.
Chapter 765, F.S.	Sections 896.101(4)(a), (4)(b), (4)(c), (5)(a) & (5)(b), F.S.
Sections 790.065(7) & (12)(a), F.S.	Section 901.36(2), F.S.
Section 790.0655(3)(b), F.S.	Chapter 903, F.S.
Section 790.27(1), F.S.	Section 914.14, F.S.
Chapter 812, F.S. (except 812.13, 812.131, 812.133, & 812.135)	Section 943.0585(1), F.S.
Chapter 815, F.S.	Section 944.33, F.S.
Chapter 817, F.S.	Section 943.059, F.S.
Chapter 831, F.S.	Section 960.18, F.S.
Chapter 832, F.S.	Sections 860.20(2)(a) & (2)(b), F.S.
Section 837.05(2), F.S.	Sections 877.08(4) & 877.18, F.S.
Chapter 838, F.S. (except 838.021)	Sections 849.09(1)(a),(1)(b),(1)(c),(1)(g), F.S.
Chapter 839, F.S.	

## **Transferred**

A manner of disposition in which a judicial order transfers a case from one court to another before hearing or trial.

## **Trusts**

All matters relating to the right of property, real or personal, held by one party for the benefit of another pursuant to chapter 737, Florida Statutes.

## **UIFSA**

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, pursuant to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, effective July 1997 (formally referred to as **URES**A - Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act). All matters pursuant to chapter 88, Florida Statutes, that are filed with the clerk's office to determine initial child support and/or paternity obligations, or are brought back to court for enforcement, modification, or a contested matter involving same.

## **Uncontested (Juvenile Dependency)**

An uncontested dependency case is one in which, "...the parent or legal custodian consents or admits to the allegations" contained in the dependency petition and consequently proceeds directly from the arraignment hearing to the disposition hearing, pursuant to sections 39.506 and 39.521, Florida Statutes.

## **Verdict**

The decision made by a jury or by a judicial officer concerning the matters at issue.

## **Worthless Checks (Circuit Criminal)**

Worthless Checks as defined pursuant to chapter 832, Florida Statutes.

## **Worthless Checks (County Criminal)**

All offenses which constitute a misdemeanor in chapter 832, Florida Statutes, involving the issue of worthless checks and drafts less than \$150.

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