ORDER GOVERNING ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS

WHEREAS, the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit has available through coordination with the Clerk of Court for Orange County and the Orange County Sheriff's Office, an electronic system to automatically obtain criminal history record information (CHRI) both from the Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) contemporaneous with the calling of a prospective jury panel; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of justice and to protect the integrity of court proceedings, the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit requests that procedures be established for the limited purpose of providing defense counsel or a pro se defendant in certain instances the opportunity to review criminal history record information (CHRI) concerning prospective jurors obtained by the State Attorney; and

WHEREAS, regulations contained in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 20.21(b)(2), and policy established by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation restrict dissemination of criminal history record information, but allow for dissemination of such information to individuals and agencies for any purpose authorized by statute, ordinance, executive order, or court rule, decision, or order, as construed by appropriate State or local officials or agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Court has the inherent power to order the dissemination of criminal

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