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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA CASE NO. 93-774

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IN RE:

ADOPTION OF FLORIDA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 3.704 AND 3.992 TO IMPLEMENT THE FLORIDA CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT CODE

Bob Dillinger, Public Defender for the Sixth Judicial Circuit suggests to this Honorable Court a proposed change in the format of the Criminal Punishment Code Scoresheet under Rule 3.992 and in support thereof states the following:

- 1. The proposed Criminal Punishment Code Scoresheet in the heading area contains certain information which is utilized for various statistical purposes such as gender, race, plea or trial and age of offender.
- 2. The undersigned respectfully submits that the addition of a section indicating whether the defendant had a publicly provided attorney or a privately retained attorney would benefit the administration of justice.
- 3. The utilization of the phrase "publicly provided attorney" would cover Public Defender clients, partially indigent clients and court appointed conflict attorneys.
- 4. The ability to gather this information would assist in determining matters such as the percentage of defendants sentenced who are indigent. This would allow various governmental agencies to determine the adequacy or inadequacy of funding in the criminal justice area as well as allow an analysis of the differentiation, if any, between sentencing practices involving indigent and non indigent clients. These suggestions certainly are not meant to be all inclusive but merely indicative of the assistance that the inclusion of publicly provided or privately retained could provide.

Respectfully submitted this $28^{\rm th}$ day of October, 1998.

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