

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE NO. 02-03

The Judges of the Superior Court of this circuit recognize the potential for conflicts to arise with other classes of courts when dealing with cases arising under the Family Violence Act. Specifically, the potential is greatest when a bond order is issued by the Magistrate Court in a criminal case involving family violence and subsequently a civil case is filed in Superior Court seeking ex parte relief under the Family Violence Act.

Therefore, in order to avoid the possibility of conflicting orders, the presiding Superior Court Judge who takes under consideration an ex parte request for relief under the Family Violence Act will, prior to issuing an order in such case, forward a request by facsimile to the Magistrate Court giving the name of the alleged perpetrator and the date of the offense. The Magistrate Court shall then send by facsimile any bond orders issued with respect to the alleged perpetrator on the date of the offense or immediately thereafter. As time is of the essence in these proceedings, the Magistrate Court should make every effort to respond to the request from Superior Court immediately upon receipt of the request.

In addition, if the party to the civil action is represented by an attorney, the attorney shall inform the Superior Court of the existence of any other orders in any companion cases that may be pending at the time of the requested relief.

SO ORDERED, this 11th day of April, 2002.

Honorable Richard S. Gault, Chief Judge
Superior Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

Honorable Jeffrey S. Bagley, Judge
Superior Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

Honorable Barbara Cole, Judge
Magistrate Court of Forsyth County