

RESPONSE TO L.T. NO.: 2016-CF-000371 ORDERS OF 7/28/2026 AND 8/10/2026

Clerk of Courts 6th DCA

Via eportal

Case: 6D2026-1799

Trial Court Case: 16-CF-000371

8/14/2026

The Petition for Writ of Mandamus initially filed was admittedly missing the date on the Certificate of Service. At that time copies of the petition were mailed to both the Attorney General's Office in Tallahassee and Judge Marcus' office in Fort Myers.

When your order dated 7/28/2026 was seen online, a revised Petition for Writ of Mandamus was filed with a correctly dated Certificate of Service with the Tampa office for the Attorney General corrected address and copies were sent out a second time, to both the Attorney General's Office in Tampa and to Judge Marcus' office in Fort Myers.

I had my friend Dan reach out to Ceresse Taylor, the Chief Assistant Attorney General for Criminal Cases in Tampa. She graciously responded with the email stating she received the second copy on August 10, 2026. A PDF of that email was uploaded yesterday to the portal. I have also attached a PDF of that email.

Also, I had Dan email Katie Valdez, the judicial assistant to Judge Marcus with a copy of the same Petition for Writ of Mandamus with the corrected Certificate of Service. Dan also called her twice today. Attached is a PDF of that outgoing email, as well as a PDF of her return receipt of said email.

I trust all of this action meets your requirements for your orders, and closes out those orders as me complying. Please confirm that I have complied with your orders.

I was told that filings that are done Pro Se are held to a lower standard than attorney filings. Given my extremely limited access to the tools needed to comply, I trust that you will consider this compliance. I am still in custody. Also, since I am uploading this via your portal, I trust that an actual signature is not required on this document. I am hoping that uploading via your secure portal is enough.

I apologize for any issues my limited access to resources has caused with filing my petition. If the order is granted and I am released, I will have much better access to resources.

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RE: 6D2026-1799 Proof of Service

From Ceresse Taylor <Ceresse.Taylor@myfloridalegal.com>

Date Thu 8/13/2026 3:38 PM

To Dan Sinclair <Dan@SinclairConstruction.com>; Elizabeth Gower <Elizabeth.Gower@myfloridalegal.com>

Cc Susan Costello <mollyc2@me.com>; Adam Costello <amcostello27@gmail.com>

Mr. Sinclair,

Please accept this email as confirmation that the Office of the Attorney General received your client's amended Petition for Writ of Mandamus on August 10, 2026.



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From: Dan Sinclair <Dan@SinclairConstruction.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2026 4:14 PM

To: Elizabeth Gower <Elizabeth.Gower@myfloridalegal.com>; Ceresse Taylor <Ceresse.Taylor@myfloridalegal.com>

Cc: Susan Costello <mollyc2@me.com>; Adam Costello <amcostello27@gmail.com>

Subject: 6D2026-1799 Proof of Service

Ceresse, thank you for your time today. As discussed, please send me something back that confirms you received your copy of Adam Costello's Petition for Writ of Mandamus. The 6th DCA is looking for proof that you received it - see attached for their order and follow up.

If there is any way you could upload something to the 6th DCA, as well, that would be much appreciated.

Nita, thank you for confirming that you received your copy of the Petition for Writ of Mandamus, and for connecting me with Ceresse.

If you need to reach me, my cell phone is 850-860-7856. Thank you for your help with this.

Respectfully,

Dan Sinclair

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From: Dan Sinclair
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2026 11:00 AM
To: kvaldez@ca.cjis20.org; 6DCA-clerkoffice@flcourts.gov
Cc: Adam Costello; Susan Costello (molyc2@me.com); kkarnes@leeclerk.org; Alicia Gonzalez; pectols@flcourts.gov
Subject: Proof of receipt for Mandamus 16-CF-000371 (6D2026-1799)
Attachments: Submitted 8 2 2026.pdf; Mandamus signed 8 2 2026.pdf; Order to resend copies to judge and AG 7 29 2026.pdf; Order posted 8 13 2026.pdf

Katie, the 6th DCA issued the attached order around 7/29/2026. Adam uploaded the attached document to the 6th DCA on 8/2/2026. The certificate of service was corrected to the AG's office in Tampa instead of Tallahassee. The date was also entered (which apparently Adam missed the first time). The certificate of service shows your address at PO Box 2507, Fort Myers, FL 33902-2507.

Honorable Judge Andrew P Marcus – Twentieth Judicial Circuit Judge
PO Box 2507
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2507

Is that address incorrect? We are all trying to figure out why the 6th DCA keeps sending the order out when it appears that Adam has already complied with the order. Adam is a Pro Se Petitioner. My understanding is that Pro Se petitioners are usually given latitude on technicalities, particularly when they are still in custody.

The address the 6th DCA seems to want is 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

Can you confirm that the PO Box works, and that you received the updated Mandamus and the date received? You should have received both the original Petition, and the updated petition from 8/2/2026 with the corrected Certificate of Service.

You can reach me at 850-860-7856. Thank you in advance for your help.

Respectfully,

Dan Sinclair

Dan Sinclair

From: Valdez, Katie <KValdez@CA.CJIS20.ORG>
To: Dan Sinclair
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2026 11:43 AM
Subject: Read: [External] Proof of receipt for Mandamus 16-CF-000371 (6D2026-1799)

Your message

To: Valdez, Katie
Subject: [External] Proof of receipt for Mandamus 16-CF-000371 (6D2026-1799)
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2026 12:00:02 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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