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## Appeals court blasts juvenile judge

An appeals court has ruled that a Miami-Dade juvenile judge improperly sent a youth to jail for missing his court dates.

On Wednesday, the Third District Court of Appeal in Miami reversed Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Lester Langer for ordering "an uncooperative juvenile" into Miami's juvenile lockup without the authority to do so.

This was the 12th case the court has reversed for the veteran judge, who has presided in juvenile court since 1999. The previous 11 cases all occurred within the last three years.

Langer declined to discuss the appeals court ruling. Miami-Dade courts spokeswoman Eunice Sigler said Langer had read the opinion "and he will comply with it."

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