


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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**ORDER REQUIRING CASHIER'S CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS
IN LIEU OF CASH (CRIMINAL APPEARANCE BONDS)**

It has come to the attention of the Court that ever-increasing numbers of counterfeit currency are being passed in the State of Texas, especially along the border with Mexico. In view of the very large sums of money that are oftentimes deposited with the U.S. District Clerk's Office as cash bail, the likelihood of receiving such counterfeit currency becomes increasingly more realistic.

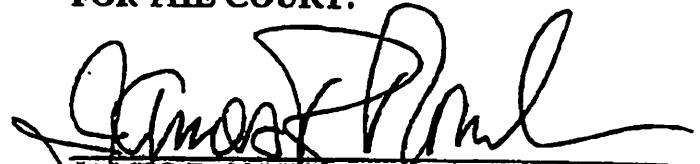
ACCORDINGLY, to minimize the possibility of receipting counterfeit currency into the Registry of this Court, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that absent emergency or unusual circumstances, ALL CASH TENDERED TO THE COURT AS CRIMINAL BOND SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. In the event of an emergency or unusual circumstance requiring the payment and receipt of cash, the Clerk shall first prepare a log of large bills received (\$20.00 and over) by denomination and serial number. The individual tendering the cash shall initial and acknowledge the log before being provided a receipt. The log will also be initialed by the cashier and a copy of the log shall be provided the individual.

The Clerk shall file a copy of this order in every division of the district.

This order shall become effective on June 1, 2001.

DATED this the 18th day of MAY 2001.

FOR THE COURT:


JAMES R. NOWLIN
Chief U. S. District Judge