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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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**STANDING ORDER REGARDING *EX PARTE* FILINGS DURING CRIMINAL DUTY
BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE RICHARD B. FARRER**

This Order Governs procedures for *ex parte* matters filed with the Court for the attention of the Magistrate Judge during any period for which U.S. Magistrate Judge Richard B. Farrer is the Duty Magistrate Judge or is standing in for the Duty Magistrate Judge.

Presently, the U.S. Attorney's Office submits via electronic means *ex parte* criminal matters to the Duty Magistrate Judge such as, but not necessarily limited to, the following: search warrant applications and supporting documents; criminal complaints and supporting affidavits in need of a probable cause determination and swearing before a Magistrate Judge; arrest warrants; requests for an order under 18 U.S.C. § 2703(d); applications for a pen register and/or trap and trace device under 18 U.S.C. § 3122; requests for delayed notification under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a; and requests for delayed notice under 18 U.S.C. 2705(b).

It is Judge Farrer's view that once such matters are submitted electronically to the Court, they cannot be withdrawn, amended, or revised without reflecting such on the docket. Accordingly,

It is **ORDERED** that the Clerk is **DIRECTED** to place on the docket any such submission once it has been reviewed, approved, and signed by Judge Farrer. Moreover, if any such submission is rejected as deficient by the Clerk's Office or is not approved by Judge Farrer for any

reason, the original submission shall be placed on the docket under the same case number as any subsequent amended, altered, or revised submission(s). If a matter requiring the Court's signature is replaced by a subsequent submission before it is approved and signed by Judge Farrer, the superseded submission **SHALL** be placed on the docket with an appropriate docket designation reflecting that it has been rejected as deficient by the Clerk's Office, withdrawn, superseded, or amended.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: July 30, 2026



RICHARD B. FARRER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE