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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION**

BY: Alicia Davis  
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IN RE: COURT DOCKET  
MANAGEMENT

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FOR AUSTIN DIVISION

**ORDER**

In accordance with the authority vested in the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to Rule 1 of the Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrates, Appendix C of the Local Court Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, it is hereby **ORDERED** that, for cases assigned to Judge Xavier Rodriguez in the Austin Division:

(1) With the exception of those cases listed in paragraph (2) any case in which an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* has been made shall be referred a Magistrate Judge for the Austin Division for disposition of the application to proceed in forma pauperis, for disposition of any pending motions for appointment of counsel and for permission to file electronically, and for prompt recommendation if it appears from the initial pleadings that the case should be dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Upon completion of these tasks, the Magistrate Judge shall return the case to the district court for further proceedings.

(2) This Order does not apply to those cases where the applicant (a) is incarcerated, (b) is challenging the conditions of his confinement when he was incarcerated, (c) is seeking habeas relief, or (d) is appealing a decision of the Social Security Administration.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Appeals from a decision of the Social Security Administration are specifically addressed by a separate, Division-wide Standing Order issued on October 8, 2019.

It is so **ORDERED**.

**SIGNED** this 3rd day of August, 2026.

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XAVIER RODRIGUEZ  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE