

APPENDIX "B-1"

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

_____,
Plaintiff,

vs.

_____,
Defendant.

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NO. _____

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CONSENT
TO TRIAL BY MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1), all full-time United States Magistrate Judges are authorized and empowered to try any civil case, jury or nonjury, with the consent of all parties to the lawsuit. Because of the crowded condition of the criminal docket in this District and the difficulty in reaching civil cases for trial, you may wish to consent to the trial of your case by a United States Magistrate Judge. Your decision should be communicated to the United States District Clerk's Office. Consent forms are available in the Clerk's office. Your consent to trial by a Magistrate Judge must be voluntary, and you are free to withhold consent without suffering any adverse consequences. If all parties do consent to trial of this case by a Magistrate Judge, the Court will enter an order referring the case to a Magistrate Judge for trial and for entry of judgment.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date