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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MIDLAND/ODESSA & PECOS DIVISIONS

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STANDING ORDER ON ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY

In the event counsel plans to substitute a letter for a client's discussion with the U.S. Probation Office as that office prepares its Presentence Investigation Report, the letter must allow the Court to understand sufficient detail of the offense and that the accused accepts responsibility.

Therefore, any letter written to substantiate acceptance of responsibility in a criminal case in these divisions must, at a minimum:

1. fully address the defendant's conduct related to the counts(s) of conviction;
2. follow the acceptance of responsibility guideline in every particular; and
3. be provided to the probation officer within thirty (30) days from the date of the defendant's guilty plea.

Acceptance of responsibility will not be awarded unless the requirements of this Order are followed, and then at the discretion of the Court.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Signed this 28th day of November, 2018.



DAVID COUNTS
United States District Judge