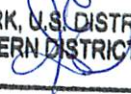


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MIDLAND/ODESSA AND PECOS DIVISIONS

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**STANDING ORDER REFERRING CRIMINAL PRETRIAL
MATTERS TO THE U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3), a United States Magistrate Judge may be assigned such additional duties as are not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States. Additional duties include the administration of felony guilty pleas entered pursuant to FED.R.CRIM.P. 11, upon consent of the Defendant and subject to final approval and sentencing by the United States District Judge. *See United States v. Williams*, 23 F. 3d. 629 (2nd Cir. 1994).

Accordingly, felony FED.R.CRIM.P. 11 guilty pleas in cases assigned to the undersigned in the Midland/Odessa and Pecos Divisions of the Western District of Texas, are hereby referred to the respective division's U.S. Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3), upon the consent of the Defendant and subject to the final approval and imposition of sentence by the U.S. District Judge.


Upon the administration of a guilty plea pursuant to this Order, the U.S. Magistrate Judge shall file appropriate proposed findings of fact and recommendations.

Further, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), a United States Magistrate Judge may be designated to hear and determine criminal pretrial matters, with certain limitations. Such additional duties include the entry of pretrial discovery and scheduling orders to expedite the manner in which discovery and other pretrial matters may be completed.

Accordingly, the entry of pretrial discovery and scheduling orders are assigned to the U.S. Magistrate Judges for the Midland/Odessa and Pecos Divisions, respectively, for all criminal matters pending before the undersigned.

It is so **ORDERED**.

SIGNED this 28th day of November, 2018.



DAVID COUNTS
United States District Judge