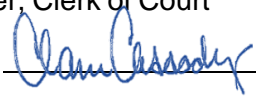


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
VICTORIA DIVISION

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
ENTERED
August 7, 2025

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By Deputy Clerk



IN RE REFERRAL OF FED. R.CRIM. P. 11 §
ALLOCUTIONS TO UNITED STATES §
MAGISTRATE JUDGES FOR VIOLATIONS §
OF 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324, 1325 (FELONY), AND §
1326 AND 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 ASSIGNED TO §
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE §
NELVA GONZALES RAMOS §

SPECIAL ORDER V-2025-01

STANDING ORDER OF REFERRAL


All defendants charged with felony violations of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324, 1325, and 1326 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 who desire to plead guilty and who have given their consents to appearing before a United States Magistrate Judge are hereby referred to United States Magistrate Judges Jason B. Libby, Julie K. Hampton and Mitchel Neurock for the conduct of the plea proceeding. 28 U.S.C. § 636. The Magistrate Judges shall share the docket and are responsible for dividing the workload in any manner they deem appropriate, taking into consideration their workload, conflicts of interest, and other factors.

The Magistrate Judge shall ensure that each defendant desiring to plead guilty to such violation voluntarily gives knowledgeable consent to the taking of the guilty plea before a Magistrate Judge. The Magistrate Judge shall promptly file findings and recommendations on each plea. The Magistrate Judge will neither impose nor recommend a sentence. The District Judge retains the final authority to accept or reject the plea of guilty, impose sentence, and enter final judgment.

The Magistrate Judge shall observe all requirements of the laws of the United States and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and shall conduct the proceedings pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11.

This Order supersedes all previous standing orders covering the same subject matter.

Ordered this 7th day of August 2025.



NELVA GONZALES RAMOS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE