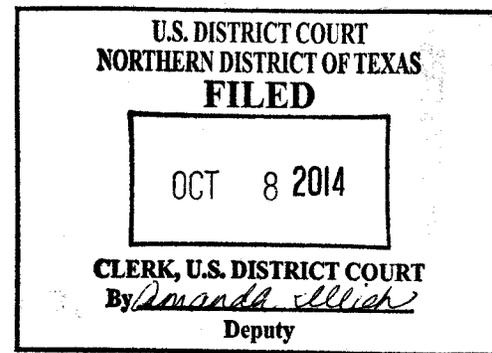


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AMARILLO DIVISION



**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING THE USE OF INTERPRETERS
IN CRIMINAL CASES FILED IN THE AMARILLO DIVISION**

1. Each attorney, whether retained or appointed, representing a defendant who does not speak or understand English must use the services of an interpreter to ensure that all documents that should be read and understood by the defendant, including all documents to be used during a court proceeding, have been interpreted for the defendant prior to any court proceeding in which the document will be used. Documents that are subject to this order include, but are not limited to: indictments or other charging instruments, plea agreements, factual resumes, and pre-sentence reports.

2. To demonstrate that the interpreting was done as outlined above, the defendant's attorney must have the interpreter sign and date each document that was interpreted below an attestation that the document was read to the defendant in the defendant's native language. The defendant's attorney must retain the signed copies and produce them in the event any claims of ineffective assistance of counsel and/or claims of involuntary plea are made, or upon request by the Court.

3. The District Clerk must serve a copy of this order upon each attorney who files a notice of appearance in a criminal case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTERED this 8th day of October, 2014.


CLINTON E. AVERITTE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE