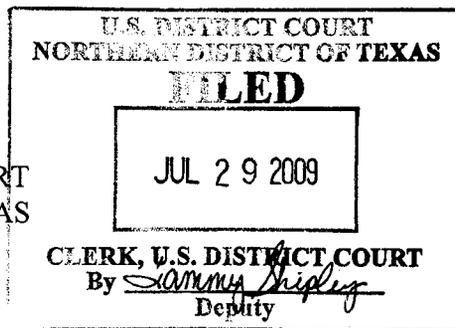


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AMARILLO DIVISION

MISCELLANEOUS ORDER NO. 6



STANDING ORDER OF REFERRAL OF FELONY GUILTY PLEAS  
AND CRIMINAL PRETRIAL MOTIONS TO THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code § 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. Such additional duties include the administration of a felony guilty plea allocation pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 11 upon consent of the defendant and subject to final approval and sentencing by the District Judge. See *United States v. Dees*, 125 F.3d 261 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that felony Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 guilty plea allocations in cases assigned to United States District Judge Mary Lou Robinson in the Amarillo Division of the Northern District of Texas, shall be referred to the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3), upon the consent of the defendant and subject to the control, final approval, and imposition of sentence by the District Court.

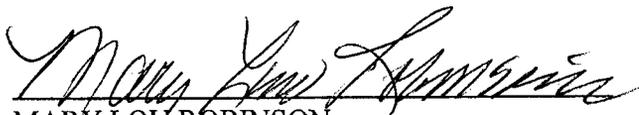
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that upon the administration of a guilty plea allocation pursuant to this order, the United States Magistrate Judge shall file appropriate proposed findings of fact and recommendations.

Further, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, the United States Magistrate Judge is assigned to hear any and all pretrial motions in all criminal cases assigned to the undersigned United States District Judge set forth below save and except motions in limine and motions for continuance which shall be determined by the undersigned.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), the Magistrate Judge is assigned to hear and determine all nondispositive criminal pretrial motions and, pursuant to § 636(b)(1)(B), the United States Magistrate Judge is assigned to hear and submit proposed findings of fact and recommendations for disposition of all dispositive criminal pretrial motions, including, but not limited to, those motions specifically excepted from determination by the Magistrate Judge under § 636(b)(1)(A).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTERED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

  
MARY LOU ROBINSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE