ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

In Re:	
TEMPORARY DETENTION OF DEFENDANTS FOR WHOM WARRANTS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE OUTSTANDING	GENERAL ORDER ON PROCEDURES BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGES

The court issues Notices to Appear, or Summonses, to a large number of defendants charged with misdemeanor and petty offenses. Those persons are generally directed to make their initial appearances before the court in the Union Station Courthouse in Tacoma.

Prior to the hearing, the U.S. Pretrial Services Office determines, in some of those cases, that other jurisdictions, primarily state and local courts, have issued warrants for the arrest of the defendant.

When such defendants learn of the existence of the warrants, they can present special problems, including potential hazards for the safety of other persons present for court hearings and the court staff. It is therefore ORDERED:

(1) Prior to each calendar for misdemeanor and petty offense initial appearances in Tacoma, the U.S. Pretrial Services Office and the U.S. Marshal shall coordinate to

identify, to the extent possible, the defendants on the calendar for whom valid warrants are outstanding. As to misdemeanor and petty offense warrants, the Marshal will also attempt to determine in advance whether the jurisdiction issuing the warrant is prepared to extradite the defendant.

(2) If a defendant appears for a hearing in this court, and the Marshal has verified that there is a valid felony warrant, or a valid misdemeanor or petty offense warrant for which the jurisdiction is prepared to extradite the defendant, the Marshal is directed to detain the defendant immediately and temporarily, pending the hearing before this court. If this court authorizes the release of defendant on the charges pending before this court, the Marshal shall process defendant in the usual manner on the pending warrant.

DATED this 15th day of January, 2002.

United States Magistrate Judge

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