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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
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IN RE: ENTRY OF GUILTY PLEAS IN FELONY CASES BEFORE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES	GENERAL ORDER

In addition to the powers and duties set forth in Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(a), the full-time United States Magistrate Judges are hereby authorized, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b), to accept waivers of indictment and guilty pleas in felony cases with the consent of the defendant, the defendant's attorney, and the United States, and to order a presentence investigation report concerning any defendant who pleads guilty to felony charges (Rules 7(b), 11(a), and 32(c), Fed. R. Crim. P.). In such cases, the United States Magistrate Judge may conduct the proceedings required by Rule 11, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and, if the plea is accepted, order a presentence investigation report pursuant to Rule 32, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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If the Magistrate Judge accepts the plea, the United States Magistrate Judge shall file a report and recommendation with the District Judge to whom the case has been assigned. A copy of such report and recommendation shall be served on all parties. Within ten (10) days after such service, any party may file and serve written objections thereto, and any party desiring to oppose such objections shall have five (5) days thereafter within which to file and serve a written response. The District Judge may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the report and recommendation of the Magistrate Judge. Sentencing shall take place before the District Judge to whom the case has been assigned.

This Order in no way precludes any District Judge from reserving the function of conducting the proceedings required by Rule 11 in any/all case(s) assigned to the District Judge.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve copies of this General Order on the Federal Public Defender, United States

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Attorney, and all members of the Criminal Justice Act Panel. The Clerk shall also post this order as required by the Local Rules.

DATED this 2nd day of December, 1993.

BARBARA J. ROTHSTEIN
CHIEF, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CAROLYN R. DIMMICK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

ROBERT J. BRYAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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