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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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IN THE MATTER OF HEARING-IMPAIRED/ DEAF PROSPECTIVE JURORS.	GENERAL ORDER

In recognition of limitations on the court's ability to schedule sign language interpreters for hearing-impaired or deaf jurors, and to provide that all hearing impaired or deaf jurors who are summoned for a 30-day on-call term of jury servic and who require the services of sign language interpreters may have the opportuni to serve, the Clerk is directed to follow the procedures outlined below.

Hearing-impaired or deaf jurors summoned for a 30-day on-call term of jury service, and who require that the court provide the services of sign language interpreters, will be scheduled for jury service as follows:

Jurors summoned for a 30-day on-call term of service will be scheduled for jury service or selection during the **first week** of their 30-day on-call term. Jur will be randomly assigned to one of the jury panels on call for their one-week period of service. The court will attempt to provide sign language interpreters t the juror during this one-week period, and, if the juror is selected to serve on trial, for any/all subsequent days that the juror is required to serve. This juro term of service is limited to this one specific week of service even if the panel which the juror is assigned is not required to report.

If the court is unable to schedule sign language interpreters for the first

week of the 30-day on-call term, the juror will be scheduled for service or selection during the **first subsequent week** (during the 30-day on-call term) that the court is able to obtain the services of sign language interpreters.

Hearing-impaired or deaf jurors scheduled for service or selection will be contacted personally by phone, or mail, and advised of the procedures which will be used in scheduling them for jury service.

Dated this 16 day of April, 1998.

JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE