Consent in Criminal Cases

With the consent of the defendant, a United States Magistrate Judge may preside over Class A Misdemeanors (1 yr. imprisonment & \$100,000 fine) and Class B Misdemeanors - Non Motor Vehicle (6 months imprisonment & \$5,000 fine).

United States Magistrate Judges may preside over all infractions (5 days of imprisonment), Class C Misdemeanors (30 days imprisonment), and Class B misdemeanors (6 months imprisonment) involving motor vehicle offenses <u>without</u> the defendant's consent.