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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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10 IN RE: DESIGNATION OF A
MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR
11 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF
12 WASHINGTON

GENERAL ORDER 08-25

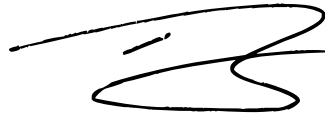
13 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(f), upon the concurrence of the chief judges of the districts
14 involved, a United States magistrate judge may be temporarily assigned to perform any of the
15 duties specified in subsections (a), (b), or (c) of this section in a judicial district other than the
16 judicial district for which he or she has been appointed. No magistrate judge shall perform any
17 of such duties in a district to which he or she has been temporarily assigned until an order has
18 been issued by the chief judge of such district specifying the reason the magistrate judge is being
19 designated, the duration of his or her assignment, and the duties he or she is authorized to
20 perform.

21 Due to a conflict of interest and all judges of this district having recused from
22 involvement in any case concerning the Defendant Raghavendran Shankar, the Court certifies
23 the need for magistrate judge assistance from the Eastern District of Washington. Therefore,
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1 IT IS ORDERED, with the concurrence of the Honorable Stanley A. Bastian, Chief
2 United States District Judge of the Eastern District of Washington, that United States Magistrate
3 Judge Alexander C. Ekstrom is hereby designated to perform any and all judicial duties
4 designated under 28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c), in the Western District of
5 Washington, in connection with *USA v Raghavendran Shankar*, 2:25-mj-00665 and any
6 subsequent indictment stemming from this case.

7 Dated this 23rd day of October, 2025.

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David G. Estudillo
Chief United States District Judge