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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

5 IN THE MATTER OF THE
6 DESIGNATION OF A MAGISTRATE
7 JUDGE FOR EMERGENCY
8 ASSISTANCE IN THE WESTERN
9 DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12-25

10 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(f), in an emergency and upon the concurrence
11 of the chief judges of the districts involved, a United States magistrate judge may
12 be temporarily assigned to perform any of the duties specified in subsections (a),
13 (b), or (c) of this section in a judicial district other than the judicial district for
14 which he or she has been appointed.

15 Due to an emergency resulting from the recusal of all currently serving
16 magistrate judges, the Western District of Washington has certified the need for
17 magistrate judge assistance from the Eastern District of Washington.

18 Therefore, **IT IS ORDERED**, with the concurrence of the Honorable
19 Stanley A. Bastian, Chief United States District Judge of the Eastern District of
20 Washington, United States Magistrate Judge Alexander C. Ekstrom is hereby
designated to hold court and perform any and all judicial duties designated under
28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c), in the Western District of

1 Washington, related to a criminal complaint in which the victim is a United States
2 Probation Officer assigned to the Western District of Washington.

3 DATED this 22nd day of December, 2025.

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5 DAVID G. ESTUDILLO
6 Chief United States District Judge
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