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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2010-33

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

REFERENCE OF CASES TO)	
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES)	ORDER NO. 2010-33
VERNELIS K. ARMSTRONG AND)	
JAMES R. KNEPP, II)	

The prior Order of Reference (10/4/1994) to the United States Magistrate Judge in the Western Division shall be, and the same hereby is, vacated.

Criminal case referrals will be made on a monthly rotation between Judges Armstrong and Knepp as follows:

1. Issuance of arrest, search, administrative, and other warrants and issuance of pen register, trap and trace, video surveillance, and similar orders;
2. Initial appearances and detention hearings;
3. Preliminary hearings;
4. Appointment of counsel for persons found to be qualified for same;
5. Arraignments;
6. Pretrial matters; and
7. CVB matters.

All matters relating to impanelment and operation of the grand jury in the Western Division, except hearing on and entry of applications for grants of immunity, are hereby referred to Magistrate Judge James Knepp for initial hearing and determination; except that in the event of his unavailability, those matters are referred to Magistrate Judge Vernelis Armstrong, or any other available Magistrate Judge of the Northern District.

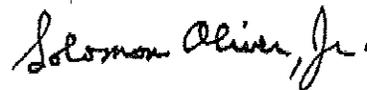
Newly filed civil cases will be randomly assigned to Magistrate Judges Armstrong and Knepp; however, pursuant to General Order No. 2010-27, Magistrate Judge Armstrong shall receive 75% of the draw of the active judge.

Previously pending civil cases that are hereafter referred to a magistrate judge shall be assigned on an even/odd basis based on the last digit of the case number. Even numbered cases shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Armstrong and odd numbered cases shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Knepp.

The Magistrate Judges may, at their discretion, refer back any matter pursuant to this Order to the docket of the District Judge assigned to the case.

IT IS SO ORDERED, and entered nunc pro tunc as of August 13, 2010.

For the Court

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Solomon Oliver, Jr." is written above a horizontal line.

Solomon Oliver, Jr.
Chief Judge
United States District Court