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United States District Court
Northern District of Ohio
General Order**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2007-07****UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**CRIMINAL CASE ASSIGNMENT –
CAPITAL CASES)
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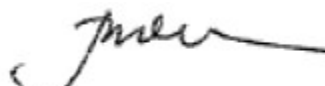
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At the regular meeting of judges held on April 2, 2007, the Court agreed to modify the criminal case assignment system in both the Eastern and Western Divisions to preclude any judge from receiving more than one criminal case with a capital charge until every other judge in the division on the criminal draw had received one such case. It was also agreed that in any instance in which a capital charge is brought after the case was originally assigned to a judge, the case assignment decks will be adjusted accordingly and if that judge had already been assigned a capital case from the current criminal capital case deck, the judge may return the case to the Clerk's Office for reassignment or, in those instances where substantial work had already been done, keep the case and accept a waiver from the next criminal capital case assignment deck.

Accordingly, the Clerk's Office is hereby ordered to make the necessary modifications to the automated case assignment system and the technical change to Local Criminal Rule 57.12, Preparation of Assignment Decks.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT



James G. Carr
Chief Judge
United States District Court