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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF "REGULAR
CIVIL CASES" TO UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE JUDGES)

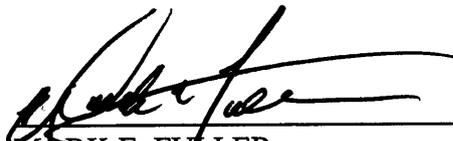
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ORDER

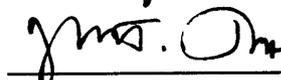
General Order No. 3156 authorizes the assignment of "regular civil cases" to United States Magistrate Judges of this Court. Upon consideration by the court that as of the end of 2006 there will be two vacancies in the office of Magistrate Judge, the court concludes that these assignments should be temporarily suspended to enable the two remaining Magistrate Judges to effectively fulfill the other responsibilities of their office. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED by the Court that effective September 18, 2006, General Order No. 3156 is SUSPENDED and that no new "regular civil cases" shall be assigned to a Magistrate Judge of this court. Nothing in this order shall be understood as affecting any prior case assignment or the authority of the Magistrate Judges of this court to exercise consent authority under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

Done this 20th day of September, 2006.



MARK E. FULLER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



MYRON H. THOMPSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



W. KEITH WATKINS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE