

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
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TO: Mrs. Debbie Hackett
FROM: Judge Myron H. Thompson *mht*

Recently, I agreed to sentence two defendants who were set to be tried on Judge DeMent's August 28 Criminal Term. I did this because their co-defendants are already being sentenced by me on October 10, and these two defendants have entered pleas in time to be sentenced with their co-defendants. Otherwise, if they had gone to trial, they would have remained with Judge DeMent for trial and sentencing. In other instances--such as, where the defendant plead guilty but does so too late to be sentenced with any co-defendants--we will continue to look at the matter on an ad hoc basis.

Debbie, I understand that this is generally our policy under these circumstances, and I ask that you include this memorandum in the Black Book on court policy.

c: Chief Judge W. Harold Albritton
Judge Ira DeMent
Chief Magistrate Judge John L. Carroll
Magistrate Judge Charles S. Coody
Magistrate Judge Vanzetta Penn McPherson
Magistrate Judge Susan Russ Walker
Ms. Yvonne Goodloe