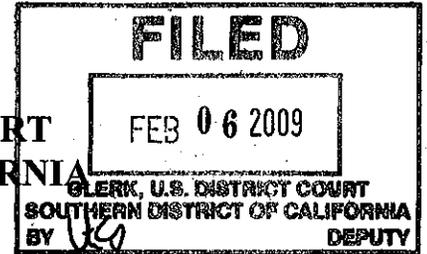


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



In the Matter of Amending Local)
Criminal Rules Regarding Related Cases)
_____)

General Order No. 571

The Court hereby amends Local Criminal Rule 57.2 to delete subsection (c).

In addition the Court hereby amends the Local Criminal Rules to add the following new Rule 57.2.1 regarding related criminal cases:

Criminal Rule 57.2.1 Related Cases

a. Definition of Related Action.

(1) Criminal cases are deemed related when (a) more than one indictment or information is filed or pending against the same defendant or defendants, or (b) prosecution against different defendants arises from (i) a common wiretap, (ii) a common search warrant, or (iii) activities that are a part of the same alleged criminal event or transaction, that is, the cases involve substantially the same facts and the same questions of law.

(2) If a civil forfeiture proceeding is filed concerning a criminal defendant, or a defendant is charged in a criminal case while a civil forfeiture proceeding is pending concerning that defendant, the civil and criminal cases are to be deemed related.

(3) Criminal cases are also deemed related when a case is dismissed, with or without prejudice, and a subsequent case involving the same parties and relating to the same subject matter is filed within one year of having been previously terminated by the court.

(4) A case is considered "pending" until one year after all named defendants have been sentenced.

b. Form

At the time of returning an indictment or filing of an information, the United States Attorney shall, on a form submitted to the Clerk, file a Notice of Related Case, indicating the name(s) and docket number(s) of any related cases pending in this Court, and certifying the particular reason(s) for the case-related designation.

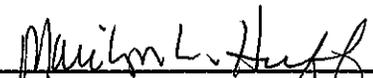
c. Assignment

Related cases shall be assigned in the following manner: The Clerk shall assign the new case to the judge to whom the oldest, pending related case is assigned. If a judge who is assigned a case under this procedure determines that the cases in question are not related to one of the judge's pending cases, the judge may transfer the new case to the Clerk for reassignment.

The period for public comment shall be until March 13, 2009. Absent further order of this Court, the effective date of this Rule amendment is March 16, 2009. Any comments should be submitted to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, at 880 Front Street, Room 4290, San Diego, California 92101-8900. Please note on the envelope: In re: Amendment of Crim. LR.

DATED: 2/6/09


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United States District Court


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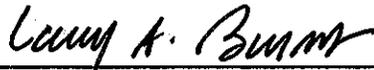

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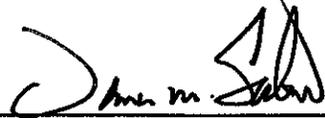
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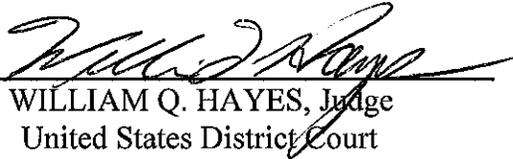

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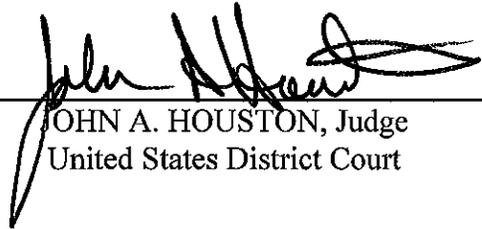
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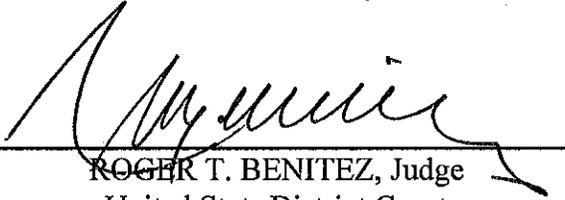
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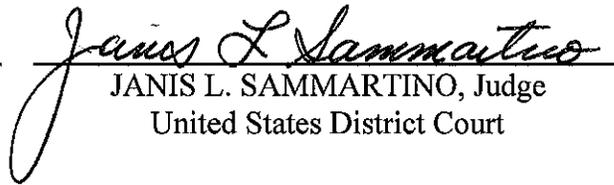
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