

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of the Assignment of)
Criminal Cases to Senior District)
Judge Thompson for Guilty Plea)
and Sentencing)
_____)

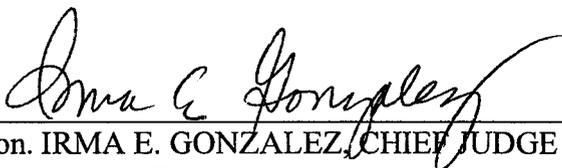
General Order No. 582

Pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 57.2 (b), and in the interest of the efficient administration of the judicial business of the district, the Chief Judge hereby directs that each magistrate judge who has a preliminary hearing calendar where an information is filed under Title 8 U.S.C. §§ 1325 or 1326, will transfer no more than the first two cases on the calendar to Senior District Judge Gordon Thompson, Jr, for entry of a guilty plea and sentencing. The cases will be transferred unless time is of the essence for the imposition of sentencing and Judge Thompson is otherwise unavailable within the necessary time.

If Judge Thompson declines to accept the transfer, the case will be deemed reassigned to the previous district judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 3/29/10



Hon. IRMA E. GONZALEZ, CHIEF JUDGE
United States District Court
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