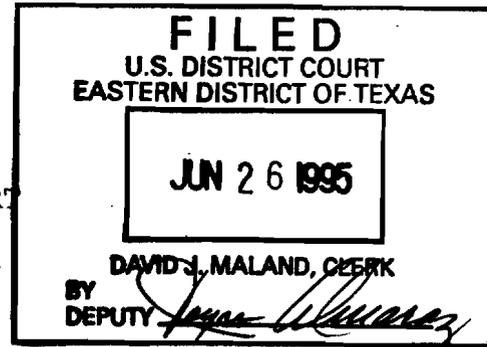


GENERAL ORDER NO. 95-13

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



**AMENDED ORDER REGARDING MAGISTRATE JUDGES' HANDLING OF  
VENUE TRANSFERS IN PRISONER CIVIL ACTIONS**

Because an order transferring venue is a non-dispositive order which may be entered by a magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 636(b) (1) (A), the district judges of this court conclude that it is not necessary for the magistrate judges to use the report and recommendation procedure in connection with 28 U.S.C. 1404 and 1406 or 28 U.S.C. 2241(d) transfers of venue in prisoner civil actions. Notwithstanding contrary language in earlier referral orders, magistrate judges are authorized to sign orders transferring prisoner cases to the proper or more appropriate district without utilizing the report and recommendation procedure.

SIGNED this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1995.

FOR THE COURT:

*Richard A. Schell*  
RICHARD A. SCHELL  
Chief Judge