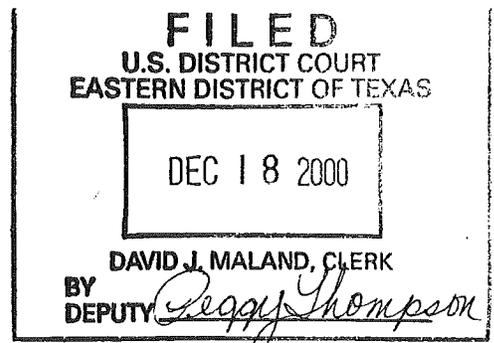


General Order 00-12



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

**General Order Adopting U.S. Probation Office  
List of Non-Allowable Monthly Expenses**

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas hereby adopts the List of Non-Allowable Monthly Expenses (refer to attachment). This list will be utilized by the U.S. Probation Office both for formulating recommendations for financial sanctions at the time of sentencing and for developing monthly payment schedules to be applied during the period of supervision. This list will be contained in the Probation Office's Policy Manual, operations section.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

**FOR THE COURT:**

*Richard A. Schell*

RICHARD A. SCHELL  
Chief Judge

## Non-Allowable Monthly Expenses

The following is a list of monthly expenses that ordinarily should not be authorized by the officer as necessary monthly expenses in the monthly cash flow statement. If a defendant attempts to claim such expenses, the amounts claimed should be considered, among the defendant's other assets, in determining the defendant's ability to make monthly payments to satisfy criminal monetary penalties.

- Athletic club registration/dues (e.g., gym, country club, timeshare, campground or other organization memberships)
- Country club/golf course fees
- Extracurricular activities (e.g., season sports tickets or opera) - This is limited to the defendant and not his children, unless his children's extracurricular activities are excessive. No more than \$50 per month per child.
- Private school tuition - See SUSPO
- Private lessons (e.g., music, art) - This is limited to the defendant and not his children, unless his children's lessons are excessive. In combination with extracurricular activities, no more than \$50 per month.
- Repayment of loans to family members or friends - In order to consider this as a necessary expense, there should be a written contract that must have been executed prior to the defendant's involvement in the instant offense.
- Cable television (e.g., premium channels) - Regular cable will be allowed, but no premium channels.
- Cellular phones and pagers - Unless for business purposes.
- Extra phone services (e.g., call waiting/answering service and modem) - Unless for business purposes.
- Internet fees
- Private residential alarm services
- Nanny - Not allowed unless both parents are working outside of the home. If daycare can be obtained at a cheaper rate, nanny expenses will not be allowed.
- Housekeeper
- Swimming pool services
- Gardener/lawn services
- Voluntary lake/pool or other association dues
- Vacation expenses - These are allowed only if the defendant is current with his payment schedule and the payments being made insure completion of the financial obligation prior to the expiration of supervision.
- Summer camp for children or dependents - The only exception would be if the child is disabled and such camp could enhance the child's rehabilitative prospects.
- Recreational vehicles (e.g., snowmobiles, airplanes, water craft or boats) and related expenses
- Subscriptions/periodicals
- Beauty salon services - We will allow hair cuts only.
- Elective medical procedures (e.g., cosmetic surgery)
- Entertainment - We will allow up to \$50 per month if the defendant is in compliance with the payment schedule and the payments being made insure completion of the financial obligation prior to the expiration of supervision.
- Charitable contributions - The only charitable contributions allowed will be to the defendant's church and these must be verified in writing.
- Luxury automobile leases - We will not allow leases in excess of \$400 per month.