

GENERAL ORDER 12-11

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

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL
CASES**

It is hereby ORDERED that criminal indictments and informations arising from the same act or transaction, or the same series of acts or transactions, shall be assigned to the judge who was assigned to the first such case, subject to the following requirements:

1. A Notice of Case Association (“NCA”) filed by the United States Attorney’s office which is based on the same act(s) or transaction(s) must specify in sufficient detail, the date(s) and nature of the specific act(s) or transaction(s) that the purported associated cases have in common. If necessary, the NCA may be filed under seal.
2. The common act(s) or transaction(s) specified in the NCA must have occurred within two years of the filing of the NCA.

It is further ORDERED that any new indictment(s) and/or information(s) pertaining to a defendant who has other criminal charges pending against him/her shall be assigned to the judge assigned to the first such case, subject to the following requirement:

3. Any Notice of Case Association (“NCA”) filed by the United States Attorney’s office arising from pending charges in a prior case involving the same defendant must specify the name of the defendant(s) and the relevant prior case number(s).

This general order supercedes General Orders 92-15 and 93-6.

Signed this 23 day of August, 2012.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leonard Davis', written over a horizontal line.

LEONARD DAVIS
Chief Judge