

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

<b>IN RE: FILING AND PROCESSING</b>	)	
<b>PRO SE PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	)	
<b>AND TORT CLAIMS CASES AND</b>	)	<b>STANDING ORDER</b>
<b>PETITIONS FOR WRITS OF</b>	)	<b>OF REFERENCE</b>
<b>HABEAS CORPUS</b>	)	
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In furtherance of a centralized system for processing pro se prisoner civil rights and tort claim cases and petitions for writs of habeas corpus, it is **ORDERED** that all such cases be referred to United States Magistrate Judge Michael F. Urbanski for purposes of consideration and ruling as to any and all nondispositive, pretrial matters and motions as may arise. This order is entered under the authority of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), and the provisions set forth thereunder shall govern the magistrate judge's conduct and scope of authority.

For purposes of the Order, the terms civil rights and tort claims cases and petitions for writs of habeas corpus shall be deemed to include the following:

- a. civil rights cases pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. § 1983;
- b. civil rights cases pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. § 1331 (*Bivens* actions);
- c. Federal Tort Claims Act cases pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2671-80;
- d. habeas corpus petitions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (federal habeas);
- e. habeas corpus petitions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (state habeas);
- f. habeas corpus petitions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (federal habeas).

This Order supercedes all prior orders of reference in such cases entered by this court.

ENTER: May 26, 2006

/s/ James P. Jones  
Chief United States District Judge