

November 15, 2024  
LAURA A. AUSTIN, CLERK  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ROANOKE DIVISION**

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**IN RE: CRIMINAL CASES ASSIGNED TO THE  
HON. THOMAS T. CULLEN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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**STANDING ORDER  
2024-18**

Criminal cases within the Abingdon division assigned to the undersigned's docket will be referred to the Honorable Pamela Meade Sargent, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia, criminal cases within the Roanoke division of this court will be referred to the Honorable C. Kailani Memmer, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and criminal cases within the Danville and Harrisonburg divisions will be referred to the Honorable Joel C. Hoppe, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia, to conduct any and all pretrial proceedings and rule on any non-dispositive motions as permitted by law.\* *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 59(a); 28 U.S.C. § 636. Additionally, all guilty pleas in the Abingdon division will be referred to Judge Sargent to conduct the required Rule 11 colloquy, and all guilty pleas in the Harrisonburg division will be referred to Judge Hoppe for the same purpose. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 & 59(b); 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3); *United*

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\* Non-dispositive motions include, but are not limited to: motions for discovery; motions for protective orders (and objections or requests for modifications thereto); motions for disclosure of grand jury materials; and motions for disclosure under the Jenks Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3500, *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), or *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972). Dispositive motions include, but are not limited to: motions to dismiss or quash an indictment or information; motions to suppress evidence; or any other motion that may dispose of a charge or defense.

*States v. Osborne*, 345 F.3d 281, 285 (4th Cir. 2003); *United States v. Benton*, 523 F.3d 424, 431 (4th Cir. 2008). Standing Order 2023-20 is hereby **WITHDRAWN**.

Finally, the court intends to hold court in the Abingdon division approximately two days per month; additional dates will be added as necessary to accommodate trial settings. All parties must endeavor, to the extent practicable, to schedule any hearings or trials on those dates.

The Clerk is directed to enter this Order in the Order Books for the Abingdon, Danville, Harrisonburg, and Roanoke Divisions.

**ENTERED** this 15th day of November, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Cullen', written over a horizontal line.

HON. THOMAS T. CULLEN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE