

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

IN RE: :

PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING :
COURT INTERPRETERS IN :
CRIMINAL CASES :

Standing Order Number 2011-01

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ORDER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1827, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts tests and certifies English to Spanish interpreters qualified to serve in the United States district courts. When there are no certified interpreters reasonably available, the Clerk secures the services of otherwise qualified interpreters as approved by the court.

Effective immediately, it will be the responsibility of defense attorneys in criminal cases, whether retained or court appointed counsel, to notify the court of the need for an interpreter before each conference, hearing or trial. Specifically, defense counsel will either telephone or email the courtroom deputy for the magistrate judge or district judge who will be conducting the proceeding. This notice must be given to the courtroom deputy at least 48 hours in advance of any hearings and at least 30 days in advance of a trial. Defense counsel should provide substantial additional notice if the non-English speaking defendant speaks a language other than Spanish.

Counsel are advised not to file motions for appointment of interpreters.

So ORDERED this 13 day of January 2011.

C. Ashley Royal
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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE