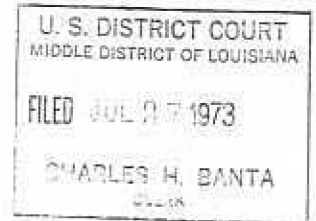


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



IN RE:

REFERENCE OF A MINOR OFFENSE
CASE TO THE UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE

GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER 26

WHEREAS, Rule 26 F of the General Local Rules of this Court provides for reference to the United States Magistrate of cases involving minor offenses wherein an information has been filed with the Clerk of Court, and WHEREAS it is the intention of this Court to authorize the United States Magistrate to handle, by reference, cases involving minor offenses coming to this Court under the provisions of Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, now therefore:

IT IS ORDERED that on and after this date, upon the transfer, under Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, of an information or indictment charging a minor offense, the case shall be referred immediately by the Clerk of Court to the Magistrate who may take the plea and impose sentence in accordance with the rules for the minor offenses, if the defendant consents in writing to this procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be filed among the General Orders in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, and that it remain in effect from this day onward unless and until rescinded or modified by order of this Court.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 27, 1973.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA