

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN**

IN RE:)
REFERRAL JUDGE FOR)
IMPROPER ENTRY BY ALIEN)
CASES FILED PURSUANT TO 8 U.S.C.)
§ 1325.)
_____)

MISC. NO. 25-9

ORDER

Due to the inordinate number of cases filed in the District of the Virgin Islands - Division of St. Thomas/St. John pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a) (Improper Entry by Alien), and in order to maintain the proper administration of justice and to appropriately allocate court resources, the Court will assign cases brought under 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a) to magistrate judges in the District of the Virgin Islands on a rotational basis.

Accordingly, it is hereby,

ORDERED that, effective April 7, 2025, all complaints filed pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1325 in the District Court of the Virgin Islands will be assigned to a magistrate judge for the District of the Virgin Islands on a rotating basis; it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3401(a), any magistrate judge assigned to a case brought under 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a) is hereby specially designated and shall have jurisdiction to try persons accused of, and sentence persons convicted of, a misdemeanor committed within the judicial district of the Virgin Islands; it is further

ORDERED that a magistrate judge who exercises trial jurisdiction pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3401(a) and this Order, and before whom a person is convicted or plead either guilty or nolo contendere, may, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3401(c), direct the probation service of the

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court to conduct a presentence investigation on that person and render to the magistrate judge prior to the imposition of sentence; it is further

ORDERED that the assignment of cases to a U.S. District Judge will remain unchanged.

DATED: April 7, 2025


Robert A. Molloy
Chief Judge