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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
No. 21-JP-1-RN

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**In Re: Procedures of United States
Magistrate Judge Robert T. Numbers,
II for Handling Cases Charging
Misdemeanor Offenses at the Fort
Bragg Military Reservation &
Department of Veterans Affairs
Fayetteville Medical Center.**

Judicial Preference Order

To promote the efficient disposition of cases, these provisions will apply to matters related to misdemeanor offenses at the Fort Bragg Military Reservation and Department of Veterans Affairs Fayetteville Medical Center that come before United States Magistrate Judge Robert T. Numbers II:

I. Motions to Continue

Without extenuating circumstances, any requests to continue a scheduled court date must be filed no later than one week before the scheduled court date. Judge Numbers is unlikely to rule on motions to continue that are not filed by this deadline before the scheduled court date.

Until the court grants a motion to continue, both the defendant and defense counsel are expected to be present at the scheduled time. If a defendant is not present as required, the court may impose sanctions on defendant, defense counsel, or both. The sanctions may include issuing a warrant for the defendant's arrest for failure to appear.

II. Interaction with Other Orders

This Judicial Preference Order supersedes any other orders by Judge Numbers on the same topic about the handling of cases related to misdemeanor offenses at the Fort Bragg Military Reservation and Department of Veterans Affairs Fayetteville Medical Center. But if any aspect of this order conflicts with a standing order issued by the court or an order entered by a district judge presiding over a case, the provisions of those orders will control.

III. Effective Date

This order will be effective upon entry. It will govern proceedings in actions commenced after its entry. It will also apply to proceedings after entry in actions then pending unless the court so specifies or the court determines that applying it in a particular action would be infeasible or work an injustice.

Dated: April 6, 2021



Robert T. Numbers, II
United States Magistrate Judge