1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 10 11 IN RE: GENERAL ORDER 02-25 12 **DESIGNATION OF A** 13 **MAGISTRATE** JUDGE FOR EMERGENCY 14 ASSISTANCE IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 15 16 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(f), in an emergency and upon the concurrence 17 of the chief judges of the districts involved, a United States magistrate judge may 18 be temporarily assigned to perform any of the duties specified in subsections (a), 19 (b), or (c) of this section in a judicial district other than the judicial district for 20 which he or she has been appointed. 21 22 Due to an emergency resulting from the unavailability of currently serving 23 judges able to hear a particular case, the Western District of Washington certifies 24

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the need for magistrate judge assistance from the Eastern District of Washington to preside.

Therefore, **IT IS ORDERED**, with the concurrence of the Honorable Stanley A. Bastian, Chief United States District Judge of the Eastern District of Washington, United States Magistrate Judge Alexander C. Ekstrom is hereby designated to hold court and perform any and all judicial duties designated under 28 U.S.C. § 636, subsections (a), (b), and (c), in the Western District of Washington, to preside over Case No. MJ24-803 USA v. Austin Michael Hauth and any subsequent indictment that may be filed related to said case.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

David G. Estudillo Chief United States District Judge