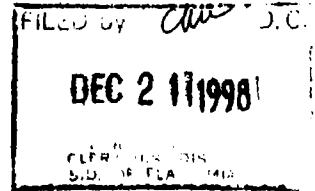


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 98-83

IN RE:

CHANGE OF CRIMINAL CASE CATEGORY, 97-10013-CR-KING,  
USA v. JOSE ACEVEDO, REINALDO DIAZ, MANUEL FERNANDEZ,  
EDWARD GARCIA, EDUARDO MANTILLA, OSCAR MOLAGUERO,  
FRANCISCO ORTEGA, MARIO RIVERO and EDUARDO SANCHEZ




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Pursuant to our blind random assignment system, Judge Shelby Highsmith was originally assigned case number 97-10013-CR, which eventually was transferred to Judge James Lawrence King. This Key West drug smuggling case against nine defendants, included ten counts alleging six importations extending over a four year period of time, of multi-ton quantities of cocaine. Each shipment involved between 1,000 and 3,000 kilos of cocaine with street values of millions of dollars. The defendants were successful until some of them were convicted in a separate case and commenced to cooperate with the government. Although originally filed as a Criminal Category II, the case in fact required a total of 26 trial days and 149 hours, thereby fulfilling the qualifications for a new Category IV case.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, the Clerk of Court is hereby directed to issue Judge King the appropriate credit in the Criminal Category IV assignment wheel.

DONE and ORDERED in chambers in Miami, Dade County, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998.

  
EDWARD B. DAVIS  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> The Court's policy of defining a trial day as six hours thus reduces the number of days to 25.

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