IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPRESSION HEARINGS BEFORE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARK A. ROBERTS	**STANDING ORDER** (Revised October 22, 2026)

For cause, it is **ORDERED** that the following procedures shall apply to suppression hearings in criminal cases before United States Magistrate Judge Mark A. Roberts:

1. Every motion to suppress must include under a separate heading or attachment an Inventory of Items to be Suppressed ("Inventory"). The Inventory shall specify the physical items sought to be suppressed by description, date, and location. For example, "firearm located on Defendant's person on March 4, 2020 during a traffic stop on Highway 151" or "drug paraphernalia found in Defendant's residence on March 4, 2020." The Inventory shall specify any statements sought to be suppressed by participants' names, date, and location. For example, "all statements made by Defendant to Officer Smith during an interview at the Cedar Rapids Police Station on March 4, 2020" or "all statements made by Defendant to Officer Smith during an encounter at 123 Main Street on March 4, 2020." Other types of evidence must be identified with sufficient particularity to permit the Government and the Court to adequately prepare for a suppression hearing. A reference to "all evidence" or "fruit of the poisonous tree" is insufficient to satisfy Defendant's obligation to identify evidence.

2. Counsel for the parties must meet and confer regarding the motion to suppress prior to the Government filing its resistance. The purpose of meeting and conferring is to discuss any questions regarding the Inventory, to discuss the witnesses who may be called at the hearing, and to estimate the amount of hearing time necessary. The Government's resistance will identify the witnesses it intends to call at the hearing and its estimate of time for the hearing.

3. Defendant's reply shall identify any additional witnesses he or she intends to call and include an estimate for the time necessary for the hearing.

4. Each party's brief shall contain an exhibit list identifying each exhibit that party intends to offer. The exhibit list shall be updated after the hearing, if necessary, to include any additional exhibits referred to at the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22nd day of October, 2026.

Mark A. Roberts, United States Magistrate Judge
Northern District of Iowa