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Prosecution of any petty offense initiated by citation or violation notice and processed through the Central Violations Bureau must be commenced in the District Court only upon the filing of an information, which will supersede the citation or violation notice issued to the defendant. When a defendant appears pursuant to a summons or an arrest warrant issued with an information, the Court will proceed in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 58.

Leave of Court is granted to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas to file with the Clerk of this Court or with the Central Violations Bureau dismissals of citations or violation notices, charging petty offenses, issued by law enforcement officers, and thereupon the prosecutions of those cases in this Court and in the Central Violations Bureau will be terminated.

This general order is intended to leave discretion with the United States Attorney as to what offenses should be prosecuted. It is an attempt to ensure that limited resources of the Agencies, United States Attorney, the United States Marshal and the Court be brought to bear on the prosecution of more meaningful violations.

IT IS SO ORDERED, This 6th day of July, 2005.

Chief Judge, Eastern District of Arkansas