

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

GENERAL ORDER 26-2

April 14, 2026

**STANDING PROCEDURAL ORDER
AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT OF
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM FACILITATORS
BY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT ATTORNEYS**

This Standing Procedural Order governs cases where counsel is appointed under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A ("CJA"). 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(e)(2)(A) authorizes CJA counsel to obtain investigative, expert, and other services, without prior authorization but subject to subsequent review, provided the cost of the services obtained does not exceed \$800.00.

In all cases in which the defendant is represented by counsel appointed under the CJA and elects to participate in the District of Massachusetts Restorative Justice Program, CJA counsel is hereby authorized to obtain, without prior authorization but subject to subsequent review, services of one of the Court's approved Restorative Justice facilitators, the cost of which exceeds \$800.00, provided that the cost does not exceed \$2400.00.

So ordered.

/s/ Denise J. Casper
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Chief United States District Judge

/s/ Julia E. Kobick
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United States District Judge

/s/ Richard G. Stearns
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United States District Judge

/s/ Brian E. Murphy
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United States District Judge

/s/ Indira Talwani
Indira Talwani
United States District Judge

/s/ William G. Young
William G. Young
Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Mark G. Mastroianni
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United States District Judge

/s/ Douglas P. Woodlock
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Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Leo T. Sorokin
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United States District Judge

/s/ Nathaniel M. Gorton
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Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Allison D. Burroughs
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United States District Judge

/s/ Patti B. Saris
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Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Angel Kelley
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United States District Judge

/s/ Michael A. Ponsor
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/s/ Margaret R. Guzman
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/s/ George A. O'Toole Jr.
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/s/ Myong J. Joun
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/s/ F. Dennis Saylor IV
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Senior United States District Judge