

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

MIDDLE

DISTRICT OF

ALABAMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
V.

JOSEPH D. SPEARS

**CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
IN A MISDEMEANOR CASE**

Case Number: 1:06CR229-DRB

The United States magistrate judge has explained to me the nature of the offense(s) with which I am charged and the maximum possible penalties which might be imposed if I am found guilty. The magistrate judge has informed me of my right to the assistance of legal counsel. The magistrate judge has informed me of my right to trial, judgment, and sentencing before a United States district judge or a United States magistrate judge.

I HEREBY: Waive (give up) my right to trial, judgment, and sentencing before a United States district judge, and I consent to trial, judgment and sentencing before a United States magistrate judge.

X *Joseph D. Spears* Defendant ✓

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY

The magistrate judge has advised me of my right to trial by jury.

I HEREBY: Waive (give up) my right to trial by jury.

_____ Defendant

Consented to by United States

_____ Signature

_____ Name and Title

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HAVE THIRTY DAYS TO PREPARE FOR TRIAL

The magistrate judge has also advised me of my right to have at least thirty days to prepare for trial before the magistrate judge.

I HEREBY: Waive (give up) my right to have at least thirty days to prepare for trial.

X _____ Defendant

Approved By: _____

James R. [Signature]
U.S. Magistrate Judge
11/7/06
Date

Defendant's Attorney (if any)