

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: GUIDANT CORP.
IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB)

This Document Relates to:

Civil No. 06-1694 (DWF/AJB)

Frederick Szafran,

Plaintiff,

v.

Guidant Corporation; Guidant Sales
Corporation; and Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc.,

Defendants.

ORDER

Jane E. Joseph, Esq., Kyle E. Lakin, Esq., and Thomas A. Schultz, Esq., Lopez Hodes Restaino Milman & Skikos, counsel for Plaintiff.

Joseph M. Price, Esq., Faegre & Benson LLP, counsel for Defendants.

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Plaintiff Frederick E. Szafran's request for reconsideration of this Court's order dated June 19, 2006, by which the Court ordered that the matter be reassigned to Judge Donovan W. Frank in the multi-district litigation entitled *In re: Guidant Corp. Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB). (See Doc. No. 4.)

Contrary to Plaintiff's assertions, neither the Court nor the MDL panel restricted this litigation to specific models of defibrillators. For this reason, the Court finds Plaintiff's request to be without merit. Plaintiff's case was properly assigned to the MDL litigation, where it will remain.

Dated: August 1, 2006

s/Donovan W. Frank
DONOVAN W. FRANK
Judge of United States District Court