

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

RE: GENERAL RULES FOR FILING DOCUMENTS
UNDER SEAL

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that, except as provided in the paragraphs below, documents may be filed under seal if, and only if, done pursuant to a protective order previously entered by the court or a contemporaneous motion to seal, which motion may also be filed under seal if necessary. Any document filed under seal must be accompanied by a separately-filed, unsealed version that redacts only truly confidential information allowed by the court's prior order or supported in the party's motion. This latter requirement shall not apply to the filing of a complete transcript of a deposition if required by court order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in civil cases only the following documents may be filed under seal without motion or further order of the court and without an accompanying redacted version:

1. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b), documents filed in a pending action under the False Claims Act, until the court lifts the seal;
2. Requests for administrative warrants where counsel has a belief that sealing is required to ensure the safety of any person or entity, or advance knowledge of the inspection may impede the purpose of the inspection, or to otherwise protect a substantial public interest;
3. Applications and supporting documents requesting a delayed notification order under the Right to Financial Privacy Act, 12 U.S.C. § 3409;

4. Applications and supporting documents requesting an order granting a prejudgment remedy under the Federal Debt Collection Procedure Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 3101-3105; and
5. In cases involving inmates, any portion of a presentence investigation report, including any addenda.

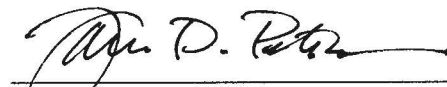
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in criminal cases only the following documents may be filed under seal without motion or further order of the court and without an accompanying redacted version provided counsel has a good faith belief that sealing is required to ensure the safety, privacy or cooperation of a person or entity, or to otherwise protect a substantial public interest:

1. Documents filed pre-indictment;
2. Documents filed in a sealed case post-indictment and prior to the first defendant being arrested;
3. Search warrants, applications, and affidavits, including warrants for tracking devices;
4. Requests, orders, and progress reports relating to the interception of communications pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2516 and 2518;
5. Applications and orders for information pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703;
6. Requests and orders for tax return information pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 610;
7. Victim Impact Statements;
8. Motions for sentence variance or reduction based on substantial assistance pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 35 or Guideline § 5K1.1, including supporting documents;
9. Sentencing memoranda;
10. Presentence investigation reports and any addenda or objections;

11. Requests and orders for pen register or trap and trace information pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3122 and 3123.
12. Financial affidavits (CJA 23);
13. Appointments of and authority to pay court-appointed counsel (CJA 20) until close of the case;
14. Requests for defense experts (CJA 21);
15. Requests for subpoenas and writs ad testificandum until disposition of charges;
16. Motions to appoint new counsel or to withdraw as attorney;
17. Motions for competency exam.

Entered this 25TH day of May, 2017.

BY THE COURT:



JAMES D. PETERSON
Chief Judge