

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING THE FILING OF
HIGHLY SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, in response to recent disclosures of wide-spread breaches of both private sector and government computer systems, federal courts are immediately adding new security procedures to protect highly sensitive documents filed with the courts;

THE COURT FINDS that, pursuant to Civil Rule 5(d)(3)(A) and Criminal Rule 49(b)(3)(A), good cause exists to require all parties to file certain highly sensitive documents outside of the court's electronic filing system.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this Order and until such time as the court orders otherwise, the filing of certain highly sensitive documents shall be subject to the procedures and requirements set forth below.

1. Highly Sensitive Documents

- a. The following types of documents are deemed highly sensitive documents (HSDs): search warrants, applications for search warrants, search warrant returns, criminal complaints and applications, applications for electronic surveillance (i.e. wiretaps, geolocation tracking, GPS, pen registers, trap and trace, and Title III applications), arrest warrants, and sealed indictments.
- b. A party who believes a document not listed in subsection 1(a) should be deemed an HSD must file a motion with the court requesting a hearing without: (1) revealing the nature of the document or (2) attaching the HSD.

2. Filing of Authorized HSDs

A party filing an HSD shall submit to the clerk's office the HSD, the certificate of service, and, if applicable, a copy of the court order authorizing the treatment of that document as highly sensitive in the form of either two paper copies or an electronic copy on a secure electronic device with prior permission of the court.

3. Service of Highly Sensitive Court Orders

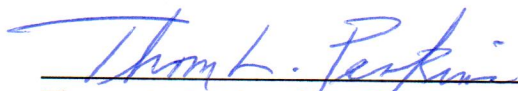
If the court determines that a court order contains highly sensitive information, the clerk's office will file and maintain the order in a secure paper filing system or a secure standalone computer system that is not connected to any network and will serve paper copies of the order on the parties via mail.

4. Removal of Existing HSDs or Highly Sensitive Cases from the Court's Electronic Filing System

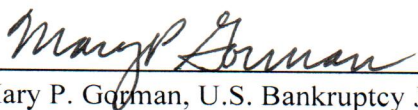
Upon motion of a party or upon its own motion, the court may determine that a document, case, or any portion of it, that has been filed electronically is highly sensitive and direct that the HSD or case be removed from the court's electronic filing system and maintained by the clerk's office in a secure paper filing system or a secure standalone computer system that is not connected to any network.

This Order remains in effect until further order of court.

ENTERED, this 25th day of January, 2021:



Thomas L. Perkins, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Mary P. Gorman, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge