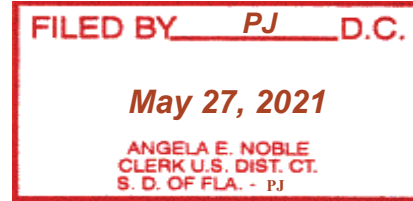


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-49

IN RE:
PROCEDURES FOR THE FILING,
SERVICE, AND MANAGEMENT OF
HIGHLY SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS



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.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(d)(3)(A) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 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. This Order does not alter the standards for determining whether a document should be sealed; it only provides for more secure storage of certain sealed documents.

Effective immediately, and until such time as the Court orders otherwise, the following procedures govern the filing of highly sensitive documents:

Documents Subject to this Order

- a. The following documents are deemed highly sensitive documents ("HSDs"): Applications and orders for electronic surveillance under 18 U.S.C. § 2518.
- b. The following documents generally are not considered HSDs: Arrest warrants, criminal complaints, presentence reports, pretrial release reports, pleadings related to cooperation in most criminal cases, social security records, administrative immigration records, and sealed filings in civil cases.

- c. There may be limited instances where a document filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office is considered highly sensitive for a short duration of time. In these instances, the U.S. Attorney's Office is directed to file redacted copies of the HSD with the highly sensitive information removed. When the case or document is no longer highly sensitive, the U.S. Attorney's Office is directed to file an unredacted copy with the Clerk's Office.
- d. Any dispute as to whether a document is an HSD shall be resolved by the presiding Judge or, when no presiding Judge is assigned, the Chief Judge.

This Order supersedes all inconsistent provisions in existing local rules or other Administrative Orders of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida,
this 27th day of May, 2021.



K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

- c: Honorable William H. Pryor, Jr., Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit
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