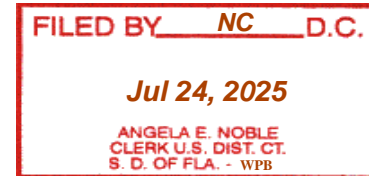


**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-54**

**IN RE: SUSPENSION OF SEALED  
CRIMINAL ELECTRONIC FILINGS**

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Considering cyberattacks that have been directed at the Judiciary's IT systems, including our case management system, we are taking additional steps to secure these systems and mitigate future attacks. Therefore, it is


**ORDERED** that Local Rule 5.4 (Filings Under Seal; Disposal of Sealed Materials) is suspended as applied to electronically filed sealed documents in criminal cases. Until further Court order, all sealed criminal filings shall be filed conventionally. Additional administrative procedures regarding sealed filings in criminal cases are as follows:

- Sealed criminal filings shall be delivered to the Clerk in a plain envelope clearly marked "SEALED DOCUMENT" with the style of the case noted on the envelope.
- Parties filing sealed documents in criminal cases shall provide a courtesy copy for chambers and any additional copies required for service.
- Sealed criminal filings shall not be uploaded to the docket of any case until further notice, and all sealed criminal documents will be maintained by the Clerk of Court.
- Attorney events in CM/ECF permitting the filing of sealed criminal documents will be deactivated.
- All sealed criminal orders shall be submitted to the Clerk of Court conventionally; no paperless sealed orders shall be entered electronically.
- Sealed orders shall not be served to the parties by email.

In accordance with Local Rule 5.4(b)(1), parties are required to file a motion to seal before submitting any sealed documents. Parties shall not file sealed criminal documents without prior Court approval.

This Order is effective immediately.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida, this 24th day of July 2025.

  
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**CECILIA M. ALTONAGA**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

c: All Southern District of Florida District Judges and Magistrate Judges  
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