

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE UNITED STATES**

IN RE:)
PROCEDURES FOR THE FILING,)
SERVICE, AND MANAGEMENT OF) General Order No. 25-GO-07
HIGHLY SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS.)

ORDER

This Order modifies and supersedes General Order 25-06.

WHEREAS, the Court seeks to maintain a procedure to protect highly sensitive documents filed with the Court;

THE COURT FINDS that, pursuant to Civil Rule 5(d)(3)(A) and Criminal Rule 49(b)(3)(A), good cause exists to allow all parties to file certain highly sensitive documents (HSDs) 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. A party may request that a document that is highly sensitive, be designated as an HSD by filing a motion with the court requesting a hearing without revealing the nature of the document or attaching the proposed HSD.

2. Filing of Authorized HSDs

- a. A party filing an HSD shall not submit the document in CM/ECF. HSDs containing information related to national security, public corruption, cyber investigations, or otherwise could create an exceptional risk to personal or public safety, or have national or international repercussions, should be conventionally (in paper) filed. Other HSD documents may be presented to the Court conventionally or by secure electronic means. When applicable, the filing party shall serve the HSD on other parties.
- b. A party filing a document which quotes or references the contents of an HSD shall electronically file the document in the ordinary course, except that the portions of the document quoting or referencing the HSD shall be redacted. The party shall file and serve an un-redacted version of the filing.

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 standalone computer system that is not connected to any network and will serve paper copies of the order on the parties via conventional 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 that has been filed electronically is highly sensitive and direct that the HSD be removed from the Court's electronic filing system and maintained by the clerk's office in a secure paper filing system or alternative digital storage system.

Entered this 29th day of September, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Darrow", is positioned above a horizontal line.

SARA DARROW
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE