

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

IN RE:	)	
PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS	)	25-GO-08
AND MANAGEMENT OF SEALED	)	
DOCUMENTS.	)	

ORDER

WHEREAS a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise:

1. Electronic Access to Sealed Documents. Sealed documents will be filed in CM/ECF in accordance with the Sealed Document Security Program but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means.

2. Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF. Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Parties will have to serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. The court will serve sealed documents in paper by mail with limited exceptions granted by the Chief Judge.

3. Additional Copies of Sealed Documents. Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party with the right to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed document will have to contact the clerk's office to request a paper copy. Applicable copy fees will be applied to such requests.

4. Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs). Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures.

5. Questions about Sealed Document Procedures. Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the clerk's office.

This Order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior court orders and local rules.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Entered this 29th day of September, 2025.

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

SARA DARROW
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE