

GENERAL ORDER NO. 93-4

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DAVID J. MALAND, CLERK
BY DEPUTY Loretta Rogers

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

GENERAL ORDER ON SEALED CRIMINAL MATTERS

IT IS ORDERED that the following criminal matters commonly filed by the United States Government, shall be SEALED, *absent an order of the court to the contrary:*

- Applications for Search Warrants
- Applications for Seizure Warrants
- Pen register applications
- Transponder applications
- Applications for nondisclosure of grand jury subpoena
- Application for wiretap
- Informations, if filed prior to the time of the taking of the plea
- Grand jury subpoenas, if filed with the Court

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applications for arrest warrants (indictment warrants excepted) be accompanied by a written motion and proposed order to seal if it is the intent of the filing party that the warrant be sealed.

Motions to seal shall specifically identify, in both the motion to seal and in the accompanying proposed order, all papers to be included in the sealing; e.g., name of pleading, the motion itself, the order itself, the docket sheet, other specific pleadings previously filed in the related case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all criminal matters sealed by the Court as identified herein, **with the exception of Informations**, shall remain under seal until such

time as the Court shall order them unsealed. The time to unseal the papers may be specified and ordered within the order to seal. **Informations shall be considered unsealed at the time of the defendant's plea to the Information in open court.**

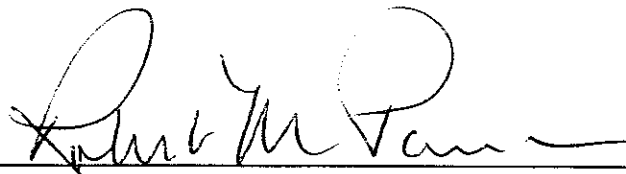
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of warrants, writs, summonses, orders, and the sealed pleadings named in this order be provided only to Government counsel, the U. S. Marshal, and/or other Government Agent serving process, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED for Government counsel, the U. S. Marshal, or the Government Agent serving process to open and view the sealed pleadings named in this order without further order of the Court unless otherwise specifically ordered by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all criminal matters designated to be sealed shall be presented to the Clerk in a special envelope, dated, and clearly recognizable as a "sealed" matter. Special "sealed" envelopes provided by the Clerk are preferred.

This order, together with General Order No. 93-3 of this date, rescinds and replaces General Order No. 92-9 dated April 24, 1992.

FOR THE COURT:



Robert M. Parker
Chief Judge

DATED: March 2, 1993