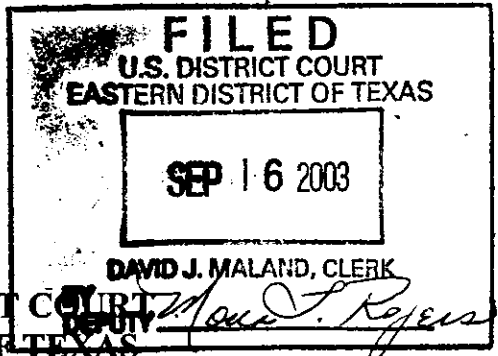


General Order 03-21



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

**GENERAL ORDER AUTHORIZING LIMITED
DISTRIBUTION OF "STATEMENT OF REASONS" INFORMATION**

Pursuant to a directive from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the "statement of reasons" page of the judgment and commitment order in criminal cases is not a public document. This is because it contains sensitive personal identification information about the defendant, e.g., his/her Social Security number. From time to time, however, it is necessary to disclose the information contained on the statement of reasons page to governmental agencies who need the information in order to verify certain personal information concerning the defendant.

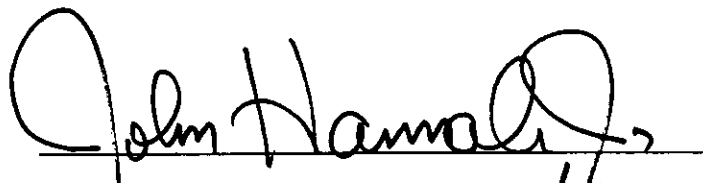
It is therefore ORDERED that the clerk has the authority to release a copy of the complete judgment and commitment order, including the statement of reasons, to:

U. S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Washington, D.C. 20531

Disclosures to additional agencies may be made by the clerk with the permission of the chief judge.

Signed this 16th day of September, 2003.

FOR THE COURT:



JOHN HANNAH, JR.
Chief Judge