

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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IN RE: AUTOMATIC SEALING AND UNSEALING  
OF APPLICATIONS FOR WARRANTS, PEN REGISTERS  
AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES, OR APPLICATION  
FOR COURT ORDER UNDER 18 USC § 2703(d)

AMENDED U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
GENERAL ORDER UNDER 18 USC § 2703(d)  
EAST, DIV. COLUMBUS

Pursuant to Federal Criminal Rule of Procedure 41, the Court adopts the following procedure to be used when an attorney for the government or a Federal law enforcement officer presents an application for a warrant (excluding arrest warrants), a pen register and trap and trace device, or an application for a court order under 18 USC § 2703(d) to a Magistrate Judge for issuance: Upon the docketing of any of the above-referenced requests, the Clerk of Court shall seal each case without further order from the Court.

Upon the docketing of the return of the warrant, the Clerk of Court shall immediately unseal the case unless the return is accompanied by an order directing that the matter remain sealed. Unless an order to the contrary is entered, the Clerk shall unseal the case as to pen registers and trap and trace device applications, as well as applications under § 2703(d), 120 days after filing. Notice of Electronic Filing to the attorney of record shall be generated upon the unsealing of any of the above referenced cases.

If any above-referenced case is ordered to remain sealed, the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the case shall evaluate the need for such case to remain sealed every 120 days and file a motion justifying the need for continued sealing or move to unseal the case if appropriate.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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EDMUND A. SARGUS JR.  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

<sup>1</sup> This order replaces General Order 14-05.