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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

GENERAL ORDER NO. 07-12

JAMES DONINI, Clerk
COLUMBUS, OHIO

**RULE 6(e) ORDER REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF MATTERS
OCCURRING BEFORE THE GRAND JURY TO CONTRACT EMPLOYEES
IN THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(A)(ii) authorizes disclosure of matters occurring before the grand jury, other than its deliberations and the vote of any grand juror, to “any government personnel...that an attorney for the government considers necessary to assist in performing that attorney’s duty to enforce federal criminal law.” Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(E)(i) provides that the court “may authorize disclosure – at a time, in a manner, and subject to any other conditions that it directs – of a grand jury matter...preliminary to or in connection with a judicial proceeding.”

The United States Department of Justice has entered into an agreement with Forfeiture Support Associates (FSA), a contractor, to provide administrative support for its asset forfeiture program.

The Court is advised by the United States Attorney for this district that these contract employees provide essential administrative support on federal forfeiture cases. The United States Attorney has also advised that access by these contract employees to matters occurring before the grand juries in this district is necessary for these contract employees to assist attorneys for the Government in the performance of the attorneys’ duty to enforce federal criminal forfeiture laws, and in connection with, and preliminarily to, criminal and civil forfeiture judicial proceedings.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure, subsections 6(e)(3)(E)(i) and 6(e)(3)(A)(ii), that matters occurring before the grand jury may be

disclosed to the FSA contract employees currently working in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio, as well as those who may be assigned to the district during the pendency of the contract between FSA and the Department of Justice, for use during the performance of their duties assisting attorneys for the Government in the performance of such attorneys' duty to enforce federal criminal forfeiture laws and in connection with and preliminarily to criminal and civil forfeiture judicial proceedings.

Signed this 25th day of October, 2007.



HONORABLE SANDRA S. BECKWITH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE