

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
EAST DIV. COLUMBUS

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

IN RE: AUTOMATIC SEALING AND UNSEALING
OF APPLICATIONS FOR SEARCH WARRANTS,
PEN REGISTERS, TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES, OR
COURT ORDERS UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 2703(d)

GENERAL ORDER 18-01¹

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 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, a trap and trace device, or 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 docketing 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 case remain sealed. For the cases that are sealed, unless an order to the contrary is entered, the Clerk shall unseal the case as to search warrants, pen registers, trap and trace devices, and applications under § 2703(d), on the July 31st or January 31st which next follows the filing of the return. The Clerk shall generate a Notice of Electronic Filing to the attorney of record upon the unsealing of any of the above-referenced cases.

¹ This General Order supersedes General Order 14-05 as amended February 9, 2017.

Any order that a case remain sealed past the next July 31st or January 31st following the return shall provide that the case be unsealed unless a renewed motion to continue the sealing is filed and granted before the next July 31st or January 31st after the renewed motion is filed.

Any motion to seal filed under this General Order shall show good cause for the sealing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

July 10th 2018.



Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge