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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
 SEALING OF SEARCH WARRANT) **General Order 25-04**
 AND RELATED CASES)

GENERAL ORDER


This Order serves as clarification of the Court's policy and Local Criminal Rule 4.1 regarding the sealing of documents and cases relating to search warrant applications from the Office of the U.S. Attorney. The Court's procedure has been to open cases relating to applications for search warrants, trap and trace warrants, pen registers, criminal complaints, and related documents as sealed cases. The Court will continue to do so. Beginning on May 15, 2025, upon either the execution of the warrant as evidenced by a timely filed return or the merger of a criminal complaint into a criminal case, the warrant case will be unsealed by the Clerk's Office. Should the Office of the U.S. Attorney require that the case remain sealed for an additional period of time, the Office of the U.S. Attorney must file a motion outlining the reasons for said sealing and propose an end date for the sealing.

Open-ended requests for sealing will not be considered by the Court. Motions requesting sealing must specify an end date and said end date shall be no more than 6 months from the date of the initial filing of the application. Extensions may be requested. However, a motion to extend must be filed before the expiration of the initial sealing period and must outline the reasons for the continued sealing.

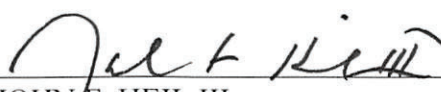
It shall be the duty of the Office of the U.S. Attorney to monitor the sealing date set forth in any order entered by the Court. Further, it shall be the duty of the Office of the U.S. Attorney, consistent with this Court's Local Rules, to ensure the redaction of any personal data identifiers. *See* LCvR 5.3.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2025.



RONALD A. WHITE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA



JOHN F. HEIL III
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA