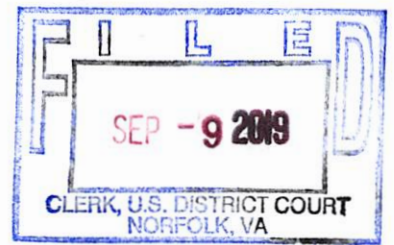


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA



In the Matter of the Temporary Sealing of  
Petitions for Violation of Probation,  
Supervised Release, or Pretrial Release,  
Including a Request for an Arrest Warrant

STANDING ORDER

Pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49, the judges of this court **FIND** that petitions, and any addenda, filed for violation of probation, supervised release, or pretrial release conditions, which include a request for an arrest warrant, satisfy the requirements for sealing. Sealing of these materials and any arrest warrant issued pursuant to these petitions is necessary to protect the safety of individuals involved in executing any arrest warrant, the safety of the community, and to avoid the risk of flight. Any limited public interest in these materials pending the arrest of the defendant named in the petition is substantially outweighed by the detrimental effects that may result from the public disclosure of the materials and pending arrest warrant. *See United States v. Ramey*, 791 F.2d 317, 321 (4th Cir. 1986) (permitting sealing for "any legitimate prosecutorial need"). The court has considered procedures other than the temporary sealing allowed in this order and has determined that none would be sufficient to address these concerns.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that petitions for violation of probation, supervised release, or pretrial release conditions, and any addenda relating to those petitions, initiated by the U.S. Probation Office, which include a request for the issuance of an arrest warrant and any warrant issued, shall be filed under seal and not disclosed to counsel or the public without order of the Court. Upon the arrest of the defendant, the Clerk shall unseal the petition and the docket entry for the return of the executed warrant, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Entered this 9th day of September 2019.



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MARK S. DAVIS  
CHIEF JUDGE

September 9, 2019