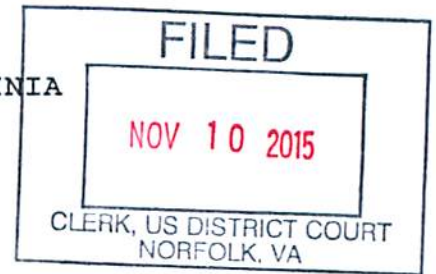


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA



In the Matter of Requests to
Seal Transportation Orders
Directing the Movement of Prisoners.


STANDING ORDER

Pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49, judges of the court have found that certain orders authorizing transportation of prisoners ("Transportation Orders") meet the requirements for sealing. Such Transportation Orders may direct the movement of prisoners in custody for legitimate prosecutorial purposes, including debriefings and interviews with law enforcement. Any limited public interest in these movements is substantially outweighed by the threat to witness security that would be caused by the public filing of such orders. 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 sealing, but none would suffice to protect the information subject to sealing.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that any Transportation Order directing the transportation of defendants or other prisoners for purposes of debriefings or interviews may be filed under seal by placing the words **UNDER SEAL** on the face sheet of the Order.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of the Transportation Order shall be provided to the United States Attorney's Office and to counsel of record for any subject of the Order. A copy may be provided to those law enforcement officials involved in the prosecution of the case, and to the United States Marshals Service, Deputy United States Marshals, and authorized law enforcement officers, as necessary, to effect the transportation of the prisoner or defendant who is the subject of the Transportation Order.

It is further ORDERED that such Transportation Orders shall remain under seal unless otherwise ordered by the court.


REBECCA BEACH SMITH
CHIEF JUDGE

November 10, 2015