

GENERAL ORDER 15-13

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING PRO SE DOCUMENT REQUESTS**

The clerk's office is hereby authorized to provide copies of the following documents regarding the requester's own criminal case, without charge, to pro se petitioners (or prospective petitioners) in habeas corpus cases, as well as pro se defendants in criminal cases:

- a. unsealed indictment
- b. unsealed plea agreement without the addendum
- c. unsealed docket report
- d. unsealed judgment and commitment order


Pro se requesters are prohibited from receiving free copies of any criminal case documents that are automatically sealed pursuant to Local Rule CR-49(c). They may receive one free copy of their docket report and, no more than once a month and upon written request, a free update to that report if additional documents have been filed in their case.

This delegation of authority is intended to (a) relieve the Court of the need to rule on an increasing number of requests to provide documents without charge, and (b) provide court customers with documents when they have limited or no ability to pay for them.

Document requests pursuant to this order should be limited in nature; i.e., no more than 50 pages. The clerk's office may require a party who requests documents in excess of 50 pages to pay for the additional pages at the usual rate. This order supersedes its predecessor, General Order 12-9.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2015.

FOR THE COURT:



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RON CLARK  
Chief Judge