

GENERAL ORDER NO. 93-3

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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DAVID J. MALAND, CLERK  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**GENERAL ORDER ON SEALED INDICTMENTS**

Inasmuch as motions to seal indictments are commonly filed for the purpose of maintaining *secrecy pending the arrest* of all persons charged in the indictment; and

In the interest of expediency and economy;

IT IS ORDERED that indictments and superseding indictments designated as "sealed" by signature of the prosecuting attorney on form AO-257 are hereby ORDERED SEALED from the time of filing of the indictment(s) until the time of arrest of the defendant(s).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all sealed indictments and superseding indictments filed in the Eastern District of Texas SHALL BE UNSEALED at the time of arrest of the defendant, *absent an order of the court to the contrary*. In multi-defendant cases, the sealed indictment shall be UNSEALED as to each defendant individually and severally upon arrest. The Government shall at the time the sealed indictment is filed provide the Clerk of Court with copies of the indictment appropriately redacted for each defendant, to protect the confidential aspects of the indictment with regard to defendants not yet arrested.

Should the Government desire to extend the time for the indictment or superseding indictment to remain sealed beyond the time of arrest, a motion to that effect shall be required. Should the Government desire to unseal the indictment or

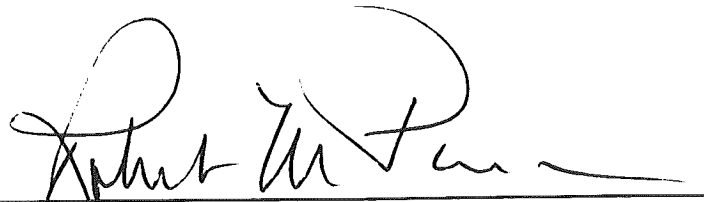
superseding indictment as to any or all defendants prior to the arrest of any or all of the defendants, an affidavit of permission to unseal shall be filed with the Clerk to that effect, and no further order of the court shall be necessary to permit the unsealing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of warrants, writs, summonses, orders, sealed indictments, superseding indictments, and any accompanying papers related thereto be provided only to Government counsel, the U. S. Marshal, and/or other Government Agent serving process, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED for the Government counsel, the U. S. Marshal, or the Government Agent serving process to open and view the sealed pleadings named in this order without further order of the Court unless otherwise specifically ordered by the Court.

This order, together with General Order No. 93-4 of this date, rescinds and replaces General Order No. 92-9 dated April 24, 1992.

FOR THE COURT:



Robert M. Parker  
Chief Judge

DATED: March 2, 1993