

STATE OF ILLINOIS

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-05

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS there is a strong statutory presumption of public access to the court's files and records which may be overcome only on a compelling showing that the public's right of access is outweighed by the interests of the public and the parties in protecting files, records, or documents from public review. Nothing in this order shall be construed to expand or restrict statutory provisions for the sealing or impoundment of files, records, or documents or those rules promulgated by the Supreme Court or Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts pursuant to the Manual on Recordkeeping. For purposes of this order, the term "impounding" shall mean to remove all access to the file, record or document except for authorized users;

WHEREAS, the compelling interest of defendants in protecting their personal, medical and mental health information included in a pretrial bond report outweighs the public's right to access;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that reports prepared by the Pretrial Services Department, pursuant to 725 ILCS 185/1 et seq., for the purposes of assisting the court at first appearance or other court appearances and filed by the Circuit Clerk should be impounded, in the applicable court file to protect the confidentiality of the personal and private information of the defendant and/or related persons. The court, pretrial, probation, the parties, and their attorney of record retain the right of access to the impounded reports through the ability to view and/or receive a copy of the document. The judge presiding in the case may by order grant additional access as appropriate.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2020.

ENTER:



DIANE E. WINTER,
Chief Judge