

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

**In Re:** ENCRYPTION OF ELECTRONIC  
MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE U.S.  
COURT, DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

The proliferation of encryption technologies has resulted in the utilization of wide-ranging software programs designed to encrypt and de-encrypt electronic media. As those software programs are not always compatible with one another, this Court cannot be reasonably assured that it or those litigants appearing before it will possess the appropriate software necessary to view and review encrypted materials. As this Court must assure that it and those who appear before it have access to all discovery, documents, pleadings, and other electronic materials to which they are entitled, and in order to assure that such access may continue:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all discovery, documents, pleadings, and other electronic materials contained on removable media which are filed with or presented to the Court must not be encrypted; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any email messages sent to the Court, Clerk's Office, or the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office, must not be encrypted, unless the sender obtained permission in advance from the intended recipient of the encrypted message.

**SO ORDERED.**

DATED: February 1, 2016  
at Minneapolis, Minnesota.



JOHN R. TUNHEIM

Chief Judge

United States District Court

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