



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT District of Minnesota

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Materials Submitted in Connection with Sentencing

Anything you send to the Court may become public. Any communication made to the court in connection with sentencing will be filed in the applicable criminal case and may be publicly disclosed on the Court's electronic case filing system. This includes all letters, photographs, documents and video images, **even if you send them directly to the judge.**

Under LR 49.1(c)(2)(I), "letters, emails, and similar materials submitted in connection with a sentencing hearing" may be filed under seal while the criminal case is pending, but will be unsealed when judgment is entered.

What this means is that any materials submitted in connection with sentencing, such as letters or other materials submitted by the defendant's family or victims, may become publicly accessible online once judgment has been entered in the case. This rule applies to any materials that are submitted, including materials that are submitted directly to a judge.

Consider talking with a lawyer if you are thinking of sending something that you do not want to become publically available on the internet.
