IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF:

RELEASE OF PRETRIAL SERVICES BOND REPORT TO PARTIES IN CRIMINAL CASES

Misc. No. 20-MC-00004-10

ORDER PERMITTING RELEASE OF PRETRIAL SERVICES BOND REPORTS
TO PARTIES IN CRIMINAL CASES

The following procedure is hereby adopted by the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico to provide, through electronic means, a copy of bond reports in criminal cases.

Policy Discussion,

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Court has taken measures to reduce the number of in-custody defendants transported to hearings. Release of bond reports to counsel for a particular defendant and counsel for the United States will facilitate discussion between counsel in advance of detention hearings and lead to more agreements regarding detention in advance of the scheduled detention hearing. Such advance agreements will help identify which in-custody defendants need to be transported from the correction facility to Court for detention hearings and/or release, and which do not need to be transported. Further, allowing bond reports to be transmitted electronically will help minimize contact between individuals and reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

**Standard Procedure** 

Therefore, the United States Probation and Pretrial Office shall adopt a procedure to allow counsel for a defendant and the United States electronic access to bond reports in advance of

detention hearings. These bond reports remain confidential and, absent Court authorization, these reports remain only for the eyes of counsel for the United States, counsel for defendant about whom the report is written, and the defendant himself/herself. Because the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic is unknown, this Order will remain in place indefinitely.

Dated March 18, 2020

FOR THE COURT:

WILLIAM P. JOHNSON Chief United States District Judge

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