UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
CASE NO. 21-6149-MJ-HUNT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

CINDI ELLIS DENTON,

Defendant.
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PROTECTIVE ORDER REGULATING DISCLOSURE OF LIMITED DISCOVERY AND SENSITIVE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN

The United States of America, having filed a motion for a protective order regulating the disclosure of limited discovery and sensitive information contained therein to defense counsel, and the defendant having no objection, and the Court finding good cause therefore:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the government is authorized to disclose sensitive information in its possession that the government believes will help counsel understand the allegations in the Complaint, prior to the entry to the Standing Discovery Order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the government shall mark that portion of the discovery that includes sensitive information as "Confidential";

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel of record for the defendant in this proceeding shall hold the Confidential portion of the limited discovery in strict confidence. Therefore, defense counsel shall restrict access to this discovery, and shall disclose this limited discovery to their client, office staff, investigators, and to anticipated fact or expert witnesses only to the extent that defense counsel believes is necessary to assist in the defense of their client in this matter and in a manner that will prohibit the disclosure of this limited discovery to other persons not involved in the defense;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel of record for the defendant shall advise any person to whom the Confidential portion of the limited discovery is disclosed that such information shall be held in strict confidence, and that further disclosure or dissemination is proscribed without defense counsel's express consent; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel of record for the defendant shall obtain a certification from each person to whom the Confidential portion of the limited discovery is disclosed, excluding members of the attorney's office staff, in which the recipient, (a) acknowledges these restrictions as set forth in the Protective Order of the Court, and (b) agrees that they will not disclose or disseminate the information without express consent of defense counsel. Counsel shall keep a copy of each certification to identify the individuals who received the Confidential portion of the limited discovery and the date on which such information was first disclosed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel of record agree that, upon conclusion of the above captioned case,[1] copies of the Confidential portion of the limited discovery disclosed to defense counsel pursuant to the terms of this order shall be destroyed or returned to the United States.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 13th day of May, 2021.

HONORABLE PATRICK M HUNT
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

[1] This shall mean upon the conclusion of any appellate and Section 2255 proceedings, if any, or upon expiration of the deadline for filing appellate or Section 2255 proceedings.