

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 26-cr-60019-ALTMAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ROODY METELUS,

Defendant.

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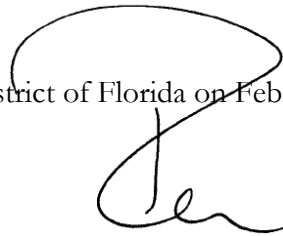
**PROTECTIVE ORDER GOVERNING DISCLOSURE OF
SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

The Government has filed a motion for a protective order [ECF No. 11] (“Motion”). In the Motion, the Government asks the Court to regulate the disclosure to defense counsel of sensitive information, including personal identifying information. *Ibid.* Having found good cause, the Court hereby **ORDERS** and **ADJUDGES** as follows:

- (1) The Motion [ECF No. 11] is **GRANTED**.
- (2) The Government shall disclose to the Defendant sensitive information in its possession as it deems necessary to comply with its discovery obligations.
- (3) The Government shall mark the portion of the discovery that includes sensitive information as “Confidential.”
- (4) Defense counsel shall hold the Confidential portion of discovery in strict confidence. Defense counsel shall restrict access to this discovery and shall disclose this discovery to the Defendant, to office staff, to investigators, and to anticipated fact or expert witnesses only to the extent that defense counsel believes is necessary to assist in the defense of this case and in a manner that will prohibit the disclosure of this discovery to others not involved in the defense.

- (5) Defense counsel shall advise any person to whom the Confidential portion of the discovery is disclosed that such information shall be held in strict confidence and that further disclosure or dissemination without defense counsel's express written consent is prohibited.
- (6) Defense counsel shall obtain a certification from each person to whom the Confidential portion of the discovery is disclosed, in which the recipients must (a) acknowledge the restrictions set forth in this Order and (b) agree that they will not disclose or disseminate the information without defense counsel's express written consent. Defense counsel shall keep a copy of each certification to identify the individuals who received the Confidential portion of the discovery and the date on which that information was first disclosed.
- (7) The defendant shall not maintain the Confidential discovery materials without defense counsel present in order to prevent the purposeful or unintentional dissemination of discovery. The defendant may review discovery materials without defense counsel present only after defense counsel provides the defendant with properly redacted copies of requested document(s).
- (8) Defense counsel agrees that, when this case is over,¹ it will destroy (or return to the Government) the Confidential discovery it received.
- (9) Counsel for the United States and for the Defendant shall promptly report any known violations of the Court's order to the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on February 11, 2026.



ROY K. ALTMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: Counsel of Record

¹ The case will be considered over at the conclusion of any appellate and § 2255 proceedings or, if the Defendant doesn't appeal or file a habeas petition, when the period for appealing or filing a habeas petition has expired.