IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *

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V. *

Ryan Ernest Dales *

ORDER

On November 22, 2024, the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office for the District of Maryland received a Subpoena requesting the testimony of Supervisory United States Probation Officer Abigail O'Neill for the following supervision information on Ryan Ernest Dales:

1. That Mr. Dales was under her supervision at the time of the search and arrest and was to report to her;
2. That Mr. Dales told her he used phone number 443-652-7684 and that's how she communicated with him;
3. That Mr. Dales told her he was unemployed;
4. That Mr. Dales told her he was living at an address on Towanda Avenue in Baltimore, he was staying with this girlfriend at an address in Federal Hill, and also reported 5522 Wesley Avenue (his grandfather's address);
5. That Mr. Dales never told her about the existence of his apartment on Fort Avenue and that she never went there;
6. That Mr. Dales had no driver's license or registered vehicles; and
7. That from December 9, 2020, to June 4, 2021, Mr. Dales stayed at a halfway house run by the Volunteers of America (VOA), 5000 E. Monument Street, Baltimore.

Pursuant to Local Rule 213 (1)(b), and in accordance with Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 20, Chapter 8, § 850(a), "except in the most unusual circumstances, the Court shall order that the probation officer be excused from honoring the subpoena or other judicial process, and that the requested disclosure not be made." Questions 1 through 6 appear to meet "the most unusual circumstances" standard as SUSPO O'Neill supervised Mr. Dales; therefore, she is the sole recipient of information Mr. Dales provided when she posed those questions during supervision. Question 7 does not meet "the most unusual circumstances" standard as this information can be confirmed using other sources.

Additionally, pursuant to the Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 8, Part E, § 520.20, when dealing with other agencies, probation officers must always be aware of their limited authority to communicate information about the person on supervision. Information related to the address of the person on supervision, demographic information, and identifying marks or tattoos may be appropriate to disclose.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this 26th day of November 2024, by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland that the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office of this Court is directed to comply with said Subpoena regarding questions 1 through 6, but not question 7.

The Honorable George L. Russell, III
Chief United States District Judge