



NEWS FROM U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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Filing Non-Public Criminal Documents. Considering recent cyberattacks, the Court has entered [Standing Order 25-02](#), which revises the procedure for filing non-public documents in criminal cases. A non-public document includes sealed, restricted, and ex parte filings. While the Standing Order does not change the criteria that permit a document to be filed non-publicly, it changes the process for filing non-public documents. Attorneys can no longer file criminal non-public documents in CM/ECF, they must be brought to the Clerk's Office for filing.

Under the new process, the Clerk's Office will docket non-public documents using existing events and restrictions but will attach a placeholder. A notice of electronic filing (NEF) will still generate, but there will be no hyperlinked document in the NEF notification or in CM/ECF, only a placeholder. Where service of the non-public document is required, the party must serve it in a secure and timely manner.