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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 12 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

14 CHRISTOPHER LAMPKIN,  
 15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel  
 18 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE,  
 19 Defendant.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-00301-RFB-VCF

**STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF PRIVACY  
 ACT PROTECTIVE ORDER**

21 Pursuant to FRCP 26(c)(1), it is hereby stipulated and agreed by the undersigned counsel for  
 22 each of the parties to this action that, in order to preserve and maintain the confidentiality of certain  
 23 documents that contain confidential information and/or other documents or information which may  
 24 otherwise be sensitive, and which are maintained in a system of records exempt from disclosure from  
 25 the mandatory disclosure provisions of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, and are further exempt  
 26 from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), that are sought from the United

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1 States of America ex rel. United States Postal Service (“USPS”) and entities, the following  
2 Confidentiality Protective Order shall be entered by the Court.

3 Dated: September 29, 2023

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17 **CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

18 Pursuant to the foregoing stipulation of the parties, it is hereby ordered as follows:

19 1. “Protected Material” for purposes of this Order is defined as any record, document,  
20 communication, electronic media, material, and/or information initially prepared or obtained by  
21 USPS and currently maintained within the official custody and control of the USPS and produced in  
22 response to Plaintiff’s request for the records.

24 2. Protected Material, and any and all information contained therein, shall be used  
25 only for purposes of litigating the instant lawsuit (including for use in depositions, trial, or other  
26 court proceedings), and shall not be disclosed, in any manner whatsoever, to anyone for any other  
27 purpose, without modification of this Order, except as set forth in below. Counsel for the parties shall  
28 not use or disclose, and shall take all reasonable steps to prevent the use or disclosure of, such

1 material or information to any other person, or for any other reason.

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3 3. Protected Material subject to this Order shall not be further reproduced except in  
4 connection with its use in this litigation. Any reproductions of Protected Material subject to this  
5 Order shall also be subject to the terms of this Order. USPS and its counsel are authorized to disclose  
6 records and other information covered by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, in response to  
7 Plaintiff's written discovery requests and follow-up requests, if any, in this case without obtaining the  
8 prior written consent of the individuals about whom such records or information pertain.

9 4. Protected Material, and the information contained therein, will be held in strict  
10 confidence. Right of access to and use of such Protected Material (in accordance with this Order)  
11 shall be limited to the following "Qualified Recipients":

- 12 • The parties in the above-referenced litigation (including, as the case may be, any  
13 person(s) subsequently added as a party), the parties' attorneys, and persons regularly  
14 employed by those attorneys;
- 15 • The Court (including, as the case may be, appellate courts) and the Court's personnel,  
16 including court reporters;
- 17 • Witnesses and other third parties whose testimonies are taken in this action by  
18 deposition or otherwise, with a need to know but only to the extent necessary to elicit  
19 testimony concerning protected material; and
- 20 • Consultants and expert witnesses, and persons regularly employed by those  
21 consultants and expert witnesses, retained by any party with a need to know, only if  
22 necessary, in connection with an expert opinion or testimony.

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25 5. Qualified Recipients shall use Protected Material only for purposes of this litigation,  
26 and shall not disclose Protected Information except as provided herein. Before receiving any  
27 Protected Information, Qualified Recipients, except those identified above, shall be informed that it  
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1 is confidential and subject to a nondisclosure order by this Court, and shall execute a copy of the  
2 Agreement to Be Bound to Protective Order in the form attached hereto (the “Agreement Form”),  
3 acknowledging they are bound by the restrictions in this Order. Counsel for the parties shall maintain  
4 executed Agreement Forms for themselves and each other Qualified Recipient with whom they share  
5 Protected Material. Counsel shall share such executed Agreement Forms with counsel for USPS or  
6 any other party upon request. Counsel for the parties shall take reasonable steps to ensure that all  
7 Qualified Recipients with whom they share Protected Material comply with this Order.

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9         6.         Should any party wish to disclose Protected Material to any person other than those  
10 indicated above, or for any purpose other than in connection with the above referenced litigation, the  
11 party shall, consistent with *Touhy* Regulations, submit a proper request in writing to USPS.

12         7.         In the event that any Protected Material is submitted, used, or referred to in any  
13 documents, pleadings, motions, evidence, arguments, testimony, depositions, hearings, and/or trials  
14 presented to or before the Court, the parties shall take appropriate steps to maintain the  
15 confidentiality of the Protected Material to the greatest extent possible (including, as the case may  
16 be, by marking the information or documents as “Confidential– Subject to Protective Order” and  
17 filing the Protected Material “under seal” in accordance with the requirements and procedures set  
18 forth in this Court’s Local Civil Rules).

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20         8.         The designation or non-designation of any material as Protected Material shall not  
21 constitute a waiver of USPS’s or any party’s assertion that the material is either covered or not  
22 covered by this Order.

23         9.         All Qualified Recipients, except those identified above, to whom Protected Material is  
24 disclosed pursuant to this Order shall destroy and/or return any and all Protected Material and copies  
25 thereof to the United States Attorney’s Office, District of Nevada, 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South,  
26 Suite 1100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, within 30 days after the termination of this action, including  
27 any appeals, or when they are no longer a party to or assigned or retained to work on this action,  
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1 whichever occurs first, except that litigation counsel may maintain a copy for up to two years  
2 following the termination of the action, including any appeals, or termination of litigation  
3 counsel's representation, whichever occurs first. If the Protected Material is destroyed, the party that  
4 has destroyed the Protected Material shall certify in writing to the United States Attorney's Office  
5 for the District of Nevada that the Protected Information in its possession has been destroyed.  
6 Likewise, any document created by the parties or any Qualified Recipient that contains or reflects  
7 Protected Material shall be destroyed within 30 days after the termination of this action, including  
8 any appeals, except that litigation counsel may maintain a copy for up to two years following the  
9 termination of the action, including any appeals, or termination of litigation counsel's representation,  
10 whichever occurs first. Each party shall certify to the destruction of all such documents within its  
11 possession within the relevant time frame (either 30 days or two years) of the termination of this  
12 action, including any appeals, and shall send such certification in writing to the United States  
13 Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, or anything in  
14 this Order to the contrary, nothing in this Order shall have any impact on counsel's requirement  
15 and/or obligation to preserve client files to the extent required by the Nevada Rules of Professional  
16 Conduct or otherwise under Nevada law. Nor shall anyone subject to this Order have any obligation  
17 to attempt to destroy electronically stored data, backup files, cached versions and/or data on back up  
18 versions of computer hard drives.

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20 10. Nothing in this Order affects the rights of counsel to discuss relevant information  
21 contained in the Protected Material with their clients.

22 11. This Order is without prejudice to the right of USPS or any party to make any  
23 objection to discovery permitted by the procedural rules governing the case, or by any statute or  
24 other authority.

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26 12. This Order does not constitute an admission by USPS or any party regarding or a  
27 ruling on the question of, whether any particular material is properly discoverable or admissible, and  
28 it does not constitute any ruling on any particular objection to the production or admissibility of any

1 material.

2           13. This Order does not require the production of privileged or otherwise protected  
3 information, and does not restrict the right of USPS or any party to assert appropriate privileges or  
4 protections to withhold information.  
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6           14. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the disclosure as required by law or compelled by  
7 any court, restrict USPS's use of materials produced by the USPS, or restrict a party's use of  
8 materials produced by that party.

9           15. Should any party wish to modify the terms of this protective order, counsel for that  
10 party should confer with counsel for USPS and with counsel for all other parties to this action before  
11 submitting any motion to the court.  
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IT IS SO ORDERED.



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Cam Ferenbach  
United States Magistrate Judge  
10-2-2023

DATED \_\_\_\_\_



1 Nevada that the Protected Information in my possession has been destroyed, consistent with the  
2 Order;

3           6.       I hereby confirm that my duties under this Agreement shall survive the termination  
4 of this action and are binding upon me even after final resolution of this action.  
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6 Date:

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(Signature)

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