

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Civil Action No. 08-cv-02421-CMA-CBS

MICHAEL MAROTTA,

Plaintiff,

v.

**OFFICER ROCCO-McKEEL, and
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,**

Defendants.

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Defendants have moved the Court for a Protective Order pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure concerning the treatment of Confidential Information (as hereinafter defined), and, therefore, the Court orders as follows:

1. In this action, at least one of the Parties has sought and/or is seeking Confidential Information (as defined in paragraph 2 below). It is anticipated that additional Confidential Information will be sought during discovery and that there will be questioning concerning Confidential Information in the course of depositions. The disclosure of such information outside the scope of this litigation could result in significant injury to one or more of the Parties' business or privacy interests.

2. "Confidential Information" means any document, file, portions of files, transcribed testimony, or response to a discovery request, including any extract, abstract, chart, summary, note, or copy made there from – not made available to the public – and designated by one of the Parties in the manner provided in paragraph 3 below as containing Confidential Information.

3. Where Confidential Information is produced, provided or otherwise disclosed by a Party in response to any discovery request as specified in paragraph 2 above, it will be designated in the following manner:

- a. By imprinting the word “Confidential” on the first page or cover of any document produced as specified in paragraph 2 above;
- b. By imprinting the word “Confidential” next to or above any response to a discovery request as specified in paragraph 2 above;
- c. During the course of a deposition, by verbally designating testimony to be “Confidential” and subject to the Protective Order as specified in paragraph 2 above; and
- d. With respect to transcribed testimony as specified in paragraph 2 above, by giving written notice to opposing counsel or Party, since Plaintiff is appearing pro se, designating such portions as “Confidential” no later than ten calendar days after receipt of the transcribed testimony.

4. All Confidential Information provided by a Party in response to a discovery request or transcribed testimony shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- a. It shall be used only for the purpose of this litigation and not for any business or other purpose whatsoever;
- b. It shall not be communicated or disclosed by any Party’s counsel or a Party in any manner, either directly or indirectly, to anyone except for purposes of this case and unless an affidavit in the form of Exhibit A has been signed.

c. Plaintiff, a pro se litigant, has the right to discuss any and all material with an attorney(s), but those attorneys, since they are not of record in the action, must execute an affidavit in the form of Exhibit A.

5. Individuals authorized to review Confidential Information pursuant to this Protective Order including, but not limited to, the Parties to this action and their undersigned counsel and those directed by undersigned counsel in their law office or as allowed for in paragraph 4(c) above, shall hold Confidential Information in confidence and shall not divulge the Confidential Information, either verbally or in writing, to any other person, entity or government agency unless ordered to do so by court order.

6. The Party or Party's counsel who discloses Confidential Information shall be responsible for assuring compliance with the terms of this Protective Order with respect to persons to whom such Confidential Information is disclosed and shall retain the original affidavits signed by qualified recipients of confidential information and maintain a list of all persons to whom any Confidential Information is disclosed.

7. During the pendency of this action, opposing counsel or Party may upon court order inspect the list maintained by counsel or Party pursuant to paragraph 6 above upon showing of substantial need in order to establish the source of an unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information and that opposing counsel or Party are unable to otherwise identify the source of the disclosure.

8. No copies of Confidential Information shall be made except by or on behalf of counsel or Party in this litigation for work product purposes, including for

review by experts in this case. Any such copies shall be made and used solely for purposes of this litigation.

9. During pendency of this litigation, counsel or Party shall retain custody of Confidential Information, and copies made there from pursuant to paragraph 8 above.

10. A Party may object to the designation of particular Confidential Information by giving written notice to the party designating the disputed information within thirty (30) days after production of the information. The written notice shall identify the information to which the objection is made. If the Parties cannot resolve the objection within ten (10) business days after the time the notice is received, it shall be the obligation of the Party designating the information as confidential to file an appropriate motion requesting that the Court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms of this Protective Order. If such a motion is timely filed, the disputed information shall be treated as confidential under the terms of this Protective Order until the Court rules on the motion. If the designating Party fails to file such a motion within the prescribed time, the disputed information shall lose its designation as confidential and shall not thereafter be treated as confidential in accordance with this Protective Order. In connection with a motion filed under this provision, the party designating the information as confidential shall bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed information to be treated as confidential.

11. In the event it is necessary for the Parties to file Confidential Information with the Court in connection with any proceeding or motion, the Confidential Information shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of D.C.COLO.LCiv.R 7.2. and 7.3, if so warranted.

12. The termination of this action shall not relieve counsel or any party or other persons obligated hereunder from their responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information pursuant to this Protective Order, and the Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Protective Order, even after this action is terminated.

13. By this Protective Order, the Parties adopt no position as to the authenticity or admissibility of documents produced subject to it. Neither the taking of any action in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order, nor the failure to object thereto, shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense in this action.

14. Upon termination of this litigation, including any appeals, each Party's counsel or Party shall immediately return to the producing party all Confidential Information provided subject to this Protective Order. At that time, upon request, counsel or Party shall also file under seal with this Court the list of individuals who have received Confidential Information which counsel or Party shall have maintained pursuant to paragraph 6, herein.

15. Nothing in this Protective Order shall preclude any Party from filing a motion seeking further or different protection from the Court under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or from filing a motion with respect to the manner in which Confidential Information shall be treated at trial.

DATED this 10th day of MAY, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Craig B. Shaffer

United States Magistrate Judge

