

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 11-cv-03396-PAB-MEH

PAUL ALLEN,
SCOTT ARENDS,
WAYNE BETHURUM,
JEREMY LLOYD, AND
GARY SKAGGS,
on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TOM CLEMENTS, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Corrections,
BURL McCULLAR, Director of the Sex Offender Treatment and Management Program,
Colorado Department of Corrections, and
JANE/JOHN DOE(S), known to Defendants but presently unknown to Plaintiffs,

Defendants.

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Upon a showing of good cause in support of the entry of a protective order to protect the disclosure and discovery of confidential and security-sensitive information in this case, IT IS ORDERED:

1. This Protective Order shall apply to all documents, materials, and information, including without limitation, documents produced, answers to interrogatories, responses to requests for admission, deposition testimony, and other information disclosed pursuant to the disclosure or discovery duties created by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. As used in this Protective Order, “document” is defined as provided in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a). A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

3. Information designated “CONFIDENTIAL” shall be information in which a party has a statutory, regulatory, or common law right of privacy or protection against dissemination or disclosure as well as proprietary or non-public business information relating to operational strategies, policies, plans, corporate structure, and similar information treated or considered by a Party, whether by policy or practice, to be confidential or proprietary. CONFIDENTIAL information shall not be disclosed or used for any purpose except the preparation and trial of this case.

4. CONFIDENTIAL documents, materials, and/or information (collectively “CONFIDENTIAL information”) shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or further Order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be disclosed to:

- a. attorneys actively working on this case;
- b. persons regularly employed by or associated with the attorneys actively working on this case whose assistance is required by those attorneys in the preparation for trial, at trial, or at other proceedings in this case;
- c. expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other proceedings in this case;

- d. the Court and its employees (“Court Personnel”);
- e. stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings

necessarily incident to the conduct of this action;

- f. deponents, witnesses, and potential witnesses; and
- g. other persons by written agreement of the parties.

5. A subset of CONFIDENTIAL information may be designated CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS ONLY. Any information so designated shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or further order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be disclosed to:

- a. attorneys actively working on this case;
- b. persons regularly employed by or associated with the attorneys

actively working on the case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the preparation for trial, at trial, or at other proceedings in this case; however, this does not include contract employees, other persons hired on a temporary basis, or outside agencies, organizations, or institutions;

- c. Court Personnel;
- d. stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings

necessarily incident to the conduct of this action; and

- e. other persons by written agreement of the parties.

6. Prior to disclosing any CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY information to any person listed above (other than counsel, Court Personnel and

stenographic reports), counsel shall provide such person with a copy of this Protective Order and obtain from such person a written acknowledgement stating that he or she has read this Protective Order and agrees to be bound by its provisions. All such acknowledgments shall be retained by counsel and shall be subject to *in camera* review by the Court if good cause is demonstrated by opposing counsel.

7. Documents are designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY by placing or affixing them (in a manner that will not interfere with their legibility) the following or other appropriate notice: "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY."

8. Counsel for the party producing any information that will be designated CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY shall review the information and, prior to designating such information CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY, shall certify that the designation is based on a good faith belief that the information is in fact confidential or otherwise entitled to protection.

9. Whenever a deposition involves the disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY information, the deposition or portions thereof shall be designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY and shall be subject to the provisions of this Protective Order. Such designation shall be made on record during the deposition whenever possible, but a party may designate portions of depositions as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY after transcription, provided that written notice of the designation is promptly given to all

counsel of record within thirty (30) days after notice by the court reporter of the completion of the transcript.

10. A party may object to the designation of particular CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY information by giving written notice to the party designating the disputed information within thirty (30) days after the party designated information as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY. The written notice shall identify the information to which the objection is made. If the parties cannot resolve the objection within twenty (20) days after the time the notice is received, it shall be the obligation of the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY 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 the motion is timely filed, the disputed information shall be treated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY under this Protective Order's terms until the Court rules on the motion. If the designating party fails to file the motion within the prescribed time, the disputed information shall lose its designation as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY and shall not thereafter be treated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY in accordance with this Protective Order. In connection with a motion filed under this provision, the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY shall bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed information to be treated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY.

11. If a party discloses information NOT designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY, the other party has thirty (30) days to let the disclosing party know of its intention to designate the information as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY. If the party disclosing the information objects to the proposed designation of this information as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY, the provisions of Paragraph 10 will apply for the resolution of the dispute.

12. If a disclosing party inadvertently discloses information that was not designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY but later determines that the disclosed information should have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY, the disclosing party shall promptly notify the other (or non-disclosing) party of the error and furnish properly designated copies of the disclosed information. Upon receipt of notice of the improperly-designated disclosure, the non-disclosing party shall treat all copies of the disclosed information as if they were originally designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY.

13. At the conclusion of this case, unless other arrangements are agreed upon, each document and all copies thereof, including electronic copies, that have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY shall be returned to the party that designated it CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY, or the parties may elect to destroy the CONFIDENTIAL or

CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY documents, including all electronic copies.

Where the parties agree to destroy CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS ONLY documents, the destroying party shall provide all parties with an affidavit confirming the destruction.

14. By designating information as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS ONLY and producing that information pursuant to this Protective Order’s terms, no party waives any objections or statutory exemptions that may otherwise be asserted.

15. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court at any time for good cause shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2012, in Denver, Colorado.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Hegarty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'H'.

Michael E. Hegarty
United States Magistrate Judge