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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 11 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

12 BRYAN DRYDEN,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

16 Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:16-cv-01227-JAD-EJY

**STIPULATED CONFIDENTIALITY  
 AGREEMENT AND PROTECTIVE  
 ORDER**

18 The parties to this Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order have  
 19 agreed to the terms of this Order; accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

20 **1. Scope.** All materials produced or adduced in response to the subpoena duces-  
 21 tecum to Non-Party Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and information derived directly  
 22 therefrom (hereinafter collectively “documents”), shall be subject to this Order concerning  
 23 Confidential Information as defined below. This Order is subject to the Local Rules of this  
 24 District and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on matters of procedure and calculation  
 25 of time periods.

26 **2. Confidential Information.** As used in this Order, “Confidential  
 27 Information” means information designated as “**CONFIDENTIAL-SUBJECT TO**

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1 **PROTECTIVE ORDER**” or **“ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”** by the producing party, after  
2 the entry of this protective order.

3 **3. Designation.**

4 (a) A party may designate a document as Confidential Information for  
5 protection under this Order by placing or affixing the words **“CONFIDENTIAL -**  
6 **SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER”** or **“ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”** on the  
7 document and on all copies in a manner that will not interfere with the legibility of the  
8 document. As used in this Order, “copies” includes electronic images, duplicates, extracts,  
9 summaries, or descriptions that contain the Confidential Information. The marking  
10 **“CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER”** or **“ATTORNEYS’ EYES**  
11 **ONLY”** shall be applied prior to or at the time of the documents are produced or disclosed.  
12 Applying the marking **“CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER”** or  
13 **“ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”** to a document does not mean that the document has any  
14 status or protection by statute or otherwise except to the extent and for the purposes of this  
15 Order. Any copies that are made of any documents marked **“CONFIDENTIAL -**  
16 **SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER”** or **“ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”** shall also be  
17 so marked.

18 (b) The designation of a document as Confidential Information is a  
19 certification by an attorney or a party appearing pro se that the document contains  
20 Confidential Information.

21 **4. Protection of Confidential Material.**

22 (a) **General Protections.** Confidential Information shall not be used or  
23 disclosed by the parties, counsel for the parties or any other persons identified in  
24 subparagraph (b) & (c) for any purpose whatsoever other than in this litigation, including  
25 any appeal thereof.

26 (b) **Limited Third-Party Disclosures of Information marked**  
27 **“CONFIDENTIAL—SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER”**. The parties and counsel  
28 for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any Confidential Information

1 marked “**CONFIDENTIAL—SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER**” to any third  
2 person or entity except as set forth below in subparagraphs (1)-(9). Subject to these  
3 requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review Information  
4 marked “**CONFIDENTIAL –SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER**”:

- 5 (1) **Counsel.** Counsel for the parties and employees of counsel who  
6 have responsibility for the action;
- 7 (2) **Parties.** Individual parties and employees of a party but only to  
8 the extent receiving counsel determines in good faith that the  
9 employee’s assistance is reasonably necessary to the conduct of  
the litigation in which the information is disclosed;
- 10 (3) **The Court and its personnel;**
- 11 (4) **Court Reporters and Recorders.** Court reporters and  
12 recorders engaged for depositions;
- 13 (5) **Contractors.** Those persons specifically engaged for the limited  
14 purpose of making copies of documents or organizing or  
15 processing documents, including outside vendors hired to process  
electronically stored documents;
- 16 (6) **Consultants and Experts.** Consultants, investigators, or  
17 experts employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to  
18 assist in the preparation and trial of this action but only after  
19 such persons have completed the certification contained in  
Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and  
Agreement to Be Bound;
- 20 (7) **Witnesses at depositions.** During their depositions, witnesses  
21 in this action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary.  
22 Witnesses shall not retain a copy of documents containing  
Confidential Information, except witnesses may receive a copy of  
23 all exhibits marked at their depositions in connection with  
review of the transcripts. Pages of transcribed deposition  
24 testimony or exhibits to depositions that are designated as  
Confidential Information pursuant to the process set out in this  
25 Order must be separately bound by the court reporter and may  
not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Order.
- 26 (8) **Author or recipient.** The author or recipient of the document  
27 (not including a person who received the document in the course  
of litigation); and

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1                   (9) **Others by Consent.** Other persons only by written consent of  
2                   the producing party or upon order of the Court and on such  
3                   conditions as may be agreed or ordered.

3                   (c) **Limited Third-Party Disclosures of Information marked**  
4 **“ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”.** The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose  
5 or permit the disclosure of any Confidential Information marked **“ATTORNEYS’ EYES**  
6 **ONLY”** to any person except as set forth below in subparagraphs (1)-(5). Subject to these  
7 requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review Information  
8 marked as **“ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”**:

9                   (1) **Counsel.** Counsel for the parties and employees of counsel who  
10                   have responsibility for the action;

11                   (2) **The Court and its personnel (under seal);**

12                   (3) **Court Reporters and Recorders.** Court reporters and  
13                   recorders engaged for depositions;

14                   (4) **Consultants and Experts.** Upon stipulation by the parties to  
15                   this Agreement, non-party experts or consultants who have  
16                   executed an acknowledgment and agreement to abide by this  
17                   Order, including their secretarial and clerical personnel retained  
18                   to assist counsel of record in this case;

17                   (5) **Others by Consent.** Other persons only by written consent of  
18                   the producing party or upon order of the Court and on such  
19                   conditions as may be agreed or ordered.

19                   (d) **Access by Other Persons.** The information produced in response to  
20 this Protective Order shall not be used for any litigation other than the matter in which it  
21 is produced. Its confidentiality shall be maintained in a manner such that Plaintiff and/or  
22 any other attorney cannot use it in any of Plaintiff’s current or future litigation, it can only  
23 be used in connection with Nevada Federal District Court Case No. 2:16-cv-01227-JAD-  
24 EJY. It shall not be shared with any other counsel than the parties to the Stipulation and  
25 Protective Order.

26                   (e) **Control of Documents.** Counsel for the parties shall make reasonable  
27 efforts to prevent unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure of Confidential Information.

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1 Counsel shall maintain the originals of the forms signed by persons acknowledging their  
2 obligations under this Order for a period of three years after the termination of the case.

3 **5. Inadvertent Failure to Designate.** An inadvertent failure to designate a  
4 document as Confidential Information does not, standing alone, waive the right to so  
5 designate the document. If a party designates a document as Confidential Information after  
6 it was initially produced, the receiving party, on notification of the designation, must make  
7 a reasonable effort to assure that the document is treated in accordance with the provisions  
8 of this Order. No party shall be found to have violated this Order for failing to maintain  
9 the confidentiality of material during a time when that material has not been designated  
10 Confidential Information, even where the failure to so designate was inadvertent and  
11 where the material is subsequently designated Confidential Information.

12 (UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE)

13 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed  
14 Confidential Information to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this  
15 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing  
16 the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all  
17 copies of the Confidential Information, (c) inform the person or persons to whom  
18 unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such  
19 person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound by  
20 Stipulated Protective Order” (Exhibit A).

21 **i. Filing of Confidential Information.** This Order does not, by itself,  
22 authorize the filing of any document under seal. Any party wishing to file a document  
23 designated as Confidential Information in connection with a motion, brief or other  
24 submission to the Court must comply with LR IA 10-5.

25 **ii. No Greater Protection of Specific Documents.** Except on privilege  
26 grounds not addressed by this Order, no party may withhold information from disclosure  
27 on the ground that it requires protection greater than that afforded by this Order unless  
28 the party moves for an order providing such special protection.

1           **iii. Challenges by a Party to Designation as Confidential**  
2 **Information.** The designation of any material or document as Confidential Information is  
3 subject to challenge by any party. The following procedure shall apply to any such  
4 challenge.

5           **(a) Meet and Confer.** A party challenging the designation of  
6 Confidential Information must do so in good faith and must begin the process by conferring  
7 directly with counsel for the designating party. In conferring, the challenging party must  
8 explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must  
9 give the designating party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider  
10 the designation, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the  
11 designation. The designating party must respond to the challenge within five (5) business  
12 days.

13           **(b) Judicial Intervention.** A party that elects to challenge a  
14 confidentiality designation may file and serve a motion that identifies the challenged  
15 material and sets forth in detail the basis for the challenge. Each such motion must be  
16 accompanied by a competent declaration that affirms that the movant has complied with  
17 the meet and confer requirements of this procedure. The burden of persuasion in any such  
18 challenge proceeding shall be on the designating party. Until the Court rules on the  
19 challenge, all parties shall continue to treat the materials as Confidential Information  
20 under the terms of this Order.

21           **iv. Action by the Court.** Applications to the Court for an order relating  
22 to materials or documents designated Confidential Information shall be by motion. Nothing  
23 in this Order or any action or agreement of a party under this Order limits the Court's  
24 power to make orders concerning the disclosure of documents produced in response to the  
25 subpoena duces-tecum.

26           **v. Use of Confidential Documents or Information at Trial.** Nothing  
27 in this Order shall be construed to affect the use of any document, material, or information  
28 at any trial or hearing. A party that intends to present or that anticipates that another

1 party may present Confidential Information at a hearing or trial shall bring that issue to  
2 the Court's and parties' attention by motion or in a pretrial memorandum without  
3 disclosing the Confidential Information. The Court may thereafter make such orders as are  
4 necessary to govern the use of such documents or information at trial.

5 **6. Produced in Other Litigation.**

6 (a) If a receiving party is served with a subpoena or an order issued in other  
7 litigation that would compel disclosure of any material or document designated in this  
8 action as Confidential Information, the receiving party must so notify the designating  
9 party, in writing, immediately and in no event more than three court days after receiving  
10 the subpoena or order. Such notification must include a copy of the subpoena or court order.

11 (b) The receiving party also must immediately inform in writing the party  
12 who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the  
13 material covered by the subpoena or order is the subject of this Order. In addition, the  
14 receiving party must deliver a copy of this Order promptly to the party in the other action  
15 that caused the subpoena to issue.

16 (c) The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested persons  
17 to the existence of this Order and to afford the designating party in this case an opportunity  
18 to try to protect its Confidential Information in the court from which the subpoena or order  
19 issued. The designating party shall bear the burden and the expense of seeking protection  
20 in that court of its Confidential Information, and nothing in these provisions should be  
21 construed as authorizing or encouraging a receiving party in this action to disobey a lawful  
22 directive from another court. The obligations set forth in this paragraph remain in effect  
23 while the party has in its possession, custody or control Confidential Information by the  
24 other party to this case.

25 **7. Challenges by Members of the Public to Sealing Orders.** A party or  
26 interested member of the public has a right to challenge the sealing of particular documents  
27 that have been filed under seal, and the party asserting confidentiality will have the burden  
28 of demonstrating the propriety of filing under seal.

1           **8.     Obligations on Conclusion of Litigation.**

2           **(a)     Order Continues in Force.** Unless otherwise agreed or ordered, this  
3 Order shall remain in force after dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further  
4 appeal.

5           **(b)     Obligations at Conclusion of Litigation.** Within 63 days after  
6 dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further appeal, all Confidential  
7 Information and documents marked “**CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE**  
8 **ORDER**” or “**ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY**” under this Order, including copies as defined  
9 in ¶ 3(a), shall be returned to the producing party unless: (1) the document has been offered  
10 into evidence or filed without restriction as to disclosure; (2) the parties agree to destruction  
11 to the extent practicable in lieu of return; or (3) as to documents bearing the notations,  
12 summations, or other mental impressions of the receiving party, that party elects to destroy  
13 the documents and certifies to the producing party that it has done so.

14           **(c)     Retention of Work Product and One Set of Filed Documents.**  
15 Notwithstanding the above requirements to return or destroy documents, counsel may  
16 retain (1) attorney work product, including an index that refers or relates to designated  
17 Confidential Information so long as that work product does not duplicate verbatim  
18 substantial portions of Confidential Information, and (2) one complete set of all documents  
19 filed with the Court including those filed under seal. Any retained Confidential Information  
20 shall continue to be protected under this Order. An attorney may use his or her work  
21 product in subsequent litigation, provided that its use does not disclose or use Confidential  
22 Information.

23           **(d)     Deletion of Documents Filed Under Seal from Electronic Case**  
24 **Filing (ECF) System.** Filings under seal shall be deleted from the ECF system only upon  
25 order of the Court.

26           **9.     Order Subject to Modification.** This Order shall be subject to modification  
27 by the Court on its own initiative or on motion of a party or any other person with standing  
28 concerning the subject matter.



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**ATTACHMENT A**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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BRYAN DRYDEN,  
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Case No. 2:16-cv-01227-JAD-EJY

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND  
AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND TO  
STIPULATED CONFIDENTIALITY  
AGREEMENT AND PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that they have read the Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ in the above-captioned action and attached hereto, understand the terms thereof, and agree to be bound by its terms.

The undersigned submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for Nevada in matters relating to the Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order and understand that the terms of the same obligate them to use materials produced pursuant to this stipulation and protective order and/or designated as Confidential Information/For Attorneys' Eyes Only in accordance with the Order solely for the purposes of the above-captioned action, and not to disclose any such Confidential Information/For Attorneys' Eyes Only to any other person, firm or concern.

The undersigned shall take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that any secretarial, clerical, or other personnel who assists in connection with my participation in this action will likewise comply with the terms and conditions of the Protective Order.

The undersigned further understands that they are to retain all copies of all documents or information marked pursuant to the Protective Order in a secure manner, and that all copies of such materials are to remain in my personal custody until termination of my participation in the above-referenced litigation, whereupon the originals or any

1 copies of such materials, and any work product derived from said information and/or  
2 materials, will be returned to counsel who provided the under with such materials.

3 The undersigned acknowledge that violation of the Confidentiality Order/For  
4 Attorney Eyes Only written and bargained-for agreement may result in penalties for  
5 contempt of court.

6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

7 DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Printed Name

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Signature