

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

HOWARD ELLIS,	)	3:08-cv-00657-ECR (WGC)
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Plaintiff,	)	<b><u>MINUTE ORDER</u></b>
	)	May 14, 2012
vs.	)	
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JAMES BENEDETTI, <i>et. al.</i>	)	
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Defendants.	)	
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PRESENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM G. COBB, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DEPUTY CLERK: KATIE OGDEN REPORTER: NONE APPEARING

COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF(S): NONE APPEARING

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT(S): NONE APPEARING

**MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS:**

Before the court is Defendants’ Motion to File Exhibits in Support of Motion to Dismiss Under Seal. (Doc. # 102.) Specifically, Defendants seek to file Exhibits E, F, and H, in support of their Motion to Dismiss under seal. (*Id.*) Exhibit E is an Unusual Incident Report containing Plaintiff’s medical information. (*Id.*) Exhibit F is a Memorandum from Richard D. Long, M.D. (*Id.*) Exhibit H is an Offender Information Summary. (*Id.*) Defendants subsequently filed a supplement to their motion. (Doc. # 120) in which they file a declaration in support of their motion and replace Exhibits E, F, and H, with Exhibits E-1, F-1, and H-1. (*Id.*)

“Historically, courts have recognized a general right to inspect and copy public records and documents, including judicial records and documents.” *See Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). Documents that have been traditionally kept secret, including grand jury transcripts and warrant materials in a pre-indictment investigation, come within an exception to the general right of public access. *See id.* Otherwise, “a strong presumption in favor of access is the starting point.” *Id.* (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

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