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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

SEAN DAVID COTTLE,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
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 NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF)
 CORRECTIONS, et al.,)
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 Defendants.)

3:12-cv-00645-MMD-WGC
**ORDER GRANTING
MOTION TO SEAL**
ECF Nos. 136

15 Before the court is Defendants’ Motion for Leave to File Medical Records under Seal in Support
16 of Defendants’ Opposition to Plaintiff’s Second Motion to Enforce [#134]. (ECF No. 136.) Defendants
17 seek to seal Exhibits B through E filed in support of their motion which contain portions of Plaintiff’s
18 Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) confidential institutional medical records.

19 “Historically, courts have recognized a general right to inspect and copy public records and
20 documents, including judicial records and documents.” *See Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*,
21 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). Documents that
22 have been traditionally kept secret, including grand jury transcripts and warrant materials in a pre-
23 indictment investigation, come within an exception to the general right of public access. *See id.*
24 Otherwise, “a strong presumption in favor of access is the starting point.” *Id.* (internal quotation marks
25 and citation omitted).

26 When a motion to seal documents is filed in connection with a non-dispositive motion, “the usual
27 presumption of the public’s right of access is rebutted[,]” and requires only a showing of “good cause.”
28 *Kamakana*, 447 F.3d at 1180 (“A ‘good cause’ showing under Rule 26(c) will suffice to keep sealed

