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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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9 DANIEL PAGE,

Case No. 3:16-cv-00600-MMD-WGC

10 Petitioner,

ORDER

11 v.

12 NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL, *et al.*,

13 Respondents.
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15 In this habeas corpus action, on August 2, 2017, the petitioner, Nevada prisoner
16 Daniel Page, filed an amended habeas petition (ECF No 16), and several exhibits (ECF
17 Nos. 17, 18, 19, 21).

18 Along with his amended petition, Page filed a motion for leave to file certain
19 exhibits under seal (ECF No. 20). In that motion, Page requests leave of court to file under
20 seal copies of medical records (Exhibits 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47), a presentence
21 investigation report (Exhibit 58), and a presentence investigation report questionnaire
22 (Exhibit 59).


23 There is a strong presumption in favor of public access to judicial filings and
24 documents. *See Nixon v. Warner Communication, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978); *see*
25 *also Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006);
26 *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1134 (9th Cir. 2003). However,
27 the court has inherent power over its own records and files, and access may be denied
28 where the court determines that the documents may be used for “improper purposes.”

1 *Nixon*, 435 U.S. at 598; *Hagestad v. Tragesser*, 49 F.3d 1430, 1433-34 (9th Cir. 1995);
2 *Kamakana*, 447 F.3d at 1179; *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2(d); LR IA 10-5.

3 Under Nevada law, a presentence investigation report, and the sources of
4 information for such a report, are confidential, and are not to be made part of a public
5 record. *See* NRS 176.156(5). Moreover, all the documents Page seeks to file under seal
6 contain information regarding medical and other private matters. In light of the state law,
7 and in light of Page's concerns regarding his privacy, the Court finds that there is good
8 cause for these exhibits to be filed under seal.

9 It is therefore ordered that petitioner's Motion for Leave to File Exhibits Under Seal
10 (ECF No. 20) is granted. Petitioner is granted leave of court to file his Exhibits Number
11 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 58 and 59 under seal. As those exhibits have already been filed under
12 seal (ECF No. 21), no further action is necessary in this regard.

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14 DATED THIS 3rd day of August 2017.

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17 MIRANDA M. DU
18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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