

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

ZACHARY LESTER, et al.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO.: 2:11-cv-850
JUDGE EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
MAGISTRATE JUDGE TERENCE P. KEMP

WOW CAR COMPANY, LTD., et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

On April 25, 2014, Plaintiff filed a motion under seal, Doc. No. 120, which is hereby **STRICKEN**. Plaintiff must request permission to file documents under seal. The protective order upon which counsel relies to file the documents under seal provides no such permission. Indeed, it is improper for a judge to give a party *carte blanche* to seal documents. The interest of the public at large in what goes on at all stages of a judicial proceeding can be overridden only if the property and privacy interests predominate in a particular situation and if good cause for sealing a part or the entirety of the record can be shown. *CitizensFirst National Bank of Princeton v. Cincinnati Insurance Company*, 178 F.3d 943, 944 (7th Cir. 1999). A blanket order allowing the parties to seal whatever they want is too broad. *Id.*

IT IS SO ORDERED.

4-28-2014
DATE



EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE