

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

CHRISTINA GRUMMONS and)	
JAMES GRUMMONS,)	
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Plaintiffs)	
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v.)	No. 3:13-1076
)	Judge Campbell/Bryant
)	Jury Demand
WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD)	
OF EDUCATION,)	
)	
Defendant)	

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and for the reasons stated in the memorandum filed contemporaneously herewith, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Defendant’s motion for protective (Docket Entry No. 11) is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part as follows:

1. Disclosure of any information produced by the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services (“DCS”) concerning their records regarding Christina Grummons, James Grummons or their minor daughter is confidential under Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-409 and is hereby designated to be confidential subject to the provisions of this order and the following exceptions:

(a) counsel for the parties may disclose the contents of materials produced by DCS to their clients, the associated counsel, and to such other personnel

employed by the parties in the litigation of the claims in the above-styled case;

(b) counsel are also authorized to interview, depose, or otherwise contact fact witnesses and/or DCS employees solely for the purposes connected with the litigation of the claims in the above-styled case, using information, including actual publication to witnesses of such information, derived in whole or in part from materials produced by DCS; and

(c) employees of DCS are hereby **ORDERED** by the Court to respond to the parties' legitimate, procedurally authorized and legally sanctioned discovery efforts notwithstanding contrary duties arising under Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-409 and related statutes.

2. Any person to whom any information identified in paragraph 1 above is disclosed under the terms of this order shall be provided a copy of this order. Such persons are directed not to reveal the contents of any disclosure for any purpose other than as permitted in this order or a subsequent order of this Court.

3. The use of any information identified in paragraph 1 above for any purpose other than the preparation and trial of the above-styled case or other proceedings related to this

litigation is prohibited, except as allowed by statute or modified by subsequent order of this Court.

4. In any event that documents covered by this protective order are filed with the court, such documents shall be filed under seal.

5. At the conclusion of this litigation, all DCS materials produced in this case in the possession of the parties, including, but not limited to, any and all copies or facsimiles, shall be returned to the appropriate agency.

Defendant's motion for protective order is **GRANTED** to the extent stated in this order, but otherwise **DENIED**.

The parties' joint motion to ascertain status (Docket Entry No. 18) is **GRANTED** as stated in this order.

It is so **ORDERED**.

/s/ John S. Bryant
JOHN S. BRYANT
United States Magistrate Judge