IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

ORDER ADOPTING NEW PROCEDURES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF WIRETAP APPLICATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PERTINENT ORDERS PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 2518

DISTRICT COURT GENERAL ORDER 2015-2

Beginning on August 3, 2015, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado will implement new procedures designed to speed the presentation of wiretap applications and issuance of pertinent orders pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2518.

To obtain an order in conformance with 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)-(4), the United States Attorney's Office will file preliminary copies of a wiretap application, affidavit, order, and order to service provider with the Court using a secure portal. Each initial application will create a sealed case bearing a "wt" case number. All subsequent filings, including requests for an extension of an order under 18 U.S.C. § 2518(5) or a report required under 18 U.S.C. § 2518(6), will be made through the ECF system into the sealed case.

The "wt" case will be assigned to one of several judges who have agreed to hear wiretap matters. Such assignment will be reflected by the initials of the judge in the case number. If the assigned judge is unavailable to address the application or request for extension of any order, the assigned judge promptly will make arrangements with another judge to hear the matter and will advise the supervising AUSA.

After filing preliminary documents, the supervising AUSA will contact the chambers of the assigned judge or the substitute judge for instructions. At the discretion of the judge, an application may be considered upon a filed, sworn and executed affidavit, by telephonic administration of the oath to the affiant or upon physical administration of the oath to the affiant in the presence of the judge. At the discretion of the judge, orders may be issued by use of an electronic facsimile or original signature.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §2518(8)(a), sealing of wiretap recordings upon expiration of the wiretap order or extension shall be as specified in the wiretap order. Unless otherwise directed by the assigned judge, the wiretap order shall provide that the investigating agency shall seal the recordings and that such recordings will remain in the custody of the investigative agency for at least ten years, and after that period, may be destroyed only upon a judge's order.

Dated at Denver, Colorado this 29th day of July 2015.

BY THE COURT:

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Marcia S. Krieger Chief United States District Judge