



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-02

ORDER ADDRESSING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN GENERAL ORDER & PERSONAL BONDS FILED IN THE HARRIS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS AT LAW

Pursuant to TEXAS GOV'T CODE § 75.403 (designating the Presiding Judge of Harris County Courts at Law as the chief administrator of court-related ministerial services in misdemeanor cases), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Harris County District Clerk keep confidential the contents of any General Order Bond (also referred to as "GOB") or Personal Bond ("PR Bond") filed in misdemeanor criminal cases assigned to the Harris County Criminal Courts at Law. The title, filing date, and page enumeration of the filed General Order Bond or Personal Bond is to remain viewable to the public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that General Order Bonds and Personal Bonds are only to be filed as confidential documents until the current plan to segregate a defendant's personal identifying information to a separate confidential page can be implemented. Once this plan is implemented, the Harris County District Clerk is ORDERED to resume the practice of publishing the portions of the General Order Bonds and Personal Bonds that do not contain the defendant's personal identifying information. Until such time, no person or entity is permitted to access confidential bond filings unless such person or attorney of record, or entity is party to the action or for good cause shown, as determined by a presiding judge of a Harris County Criminal Court at Law.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Signed: _____

6/27/23

Hon. Genesis Draper
Presiding Judge
Harris County Criminal Courts at Law
Harris County, Texas