No. 3431

AMENDED STANDING ORDER REGARDING REQUESTS FOR ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION OF THE CRIMINAL JUDICIARY

Access to information collected, assembled, or maintained by or for the judiciary is governed by the Texas Rules of Judicial Administration or by other applicable laws or rules. See Tex. Gov't Code § 552.0035(a). Records of a court or judicial agency, including emails, may constitute judicial records subject to these access laws. See Tex. R. Jud. Admin. 12.2(d), reprinted in Tex. Gov't Code, tit. 2, subtit. F app. A judicial agency includes an office, commission, or other similar entity in the Judicial Department that serves an administrative function for the court, including but not limited to the Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Tex. R. Jud. Admin. 12.2(b); Tex. Gov't Code § 76.002(a).

Therefore, the following is ORDERED regarding requests made to the Tarrant County Information Technology Department (IT) for electronically stored information that could be categorized as judicial records under Rule 12.2(d) or other applicable law:

- 1. Upon receipt of a request for records that could be categorized as judicial records, IT shall immediately forward a copy of the request to the appropriate records custodian. See Tex. R. Jud. Admin. 12.2(e).
- 2. After forwarding the request for judicial records, IT shall not review or release the requested information to the requesting party or to any Tarrant County Department other than the Criminal Courts, absent express authorization from the appropriate records custodian.

3. A "request" includes written requests, electronic requests, phone requests, and requests received as part of the discovery process, whether civil or criminal.

This order may be enforced by contempt and may be subject to modification by a court's order. This amended standing order replaces the similar standing order filed July 25, 2023.

Signed August <u>15^{ft}</u>, 2024.

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