

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO RELEASE  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
(DFPS) RECORDS (SECTION 261.201(c) OF TEXAS FAMILY CODE)**

WHEREAS, Section 261.201(a) of the Texas Family Code states that the following information is confidential, is not subject to public release, and may be disclosed only for purposes consistent with the Texas Family Code and applicable federal or state law or under rules adopted by an investigating agency: (1) a report of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect made under Chapter 261 and the identity of the person making the report; and (2) the files, reports, records, communications, audiotapes, videotapes, and working papers used or developed in an investigation under Chapter 261 or in providing services as a result of an investigation.

AND WHEREAS, a Court, on its own motion, may order disclosure of information that is confidential under Section 261.201(a) if: the order is rendered at a hearing for which all parties have been given notice; the Court finds that disclosure of the information is essential to the administration of justice; and is not likely to endanger the life or safety of a child who is the subject of the report of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect, a person who makes a report of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect, or any other person who participates in an investigation of reported abuse or neglect or who provides care for the child; and the order is reduced to writing or made on the record in open court.

AND WHEREAS, information described by Section 261.201(a) of the Texas Family Code was provided to the State as responsive material pertaining to a relevant criminal proceeding and/or the individuals reasonably expected to be witnesses and/or parties to the relevant criminal proceeding.

AND WHEREAS, the Court has determined that disclosure of the requested DFPS information is: A) essential to the administration of justice; and B) not likely to endanger the life or safety of a child who is the subject of the report of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect, a person who makes a report of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect, or any other person who participates in an investigation of reported abuse or neglect or who provides care for the child.

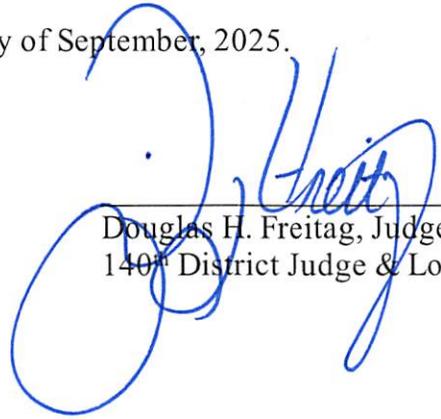
THEREFORE, the Court, on its own motion, ORDERS the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office to release information gathered from the Department of Family and Protective Services to the defense attorney(s) in any applicable criminal proceeding containing such evidence pursuant to Article 39.14 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Section 261.201(c) of the Texas Family Code.

FURTHER, the Court also ORDERS that the information gathered from DFPS be released without any redactions of a report(s) of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect and the identity of the person making the report to the defense attorney(s) and prosecuting attorney(s).

ADDITIONALLY, it is further ORDERED that a Protective Order is issued preventing any party from further dissemination of any such discovery provided by the State from DFPS to any third party. Any person who violates this order will be in contempt of court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this is a standing order of the Lubbock County criminal courts and applies to all pending and future criminal cases. It is incorporated into each case without further order and is effective upon signing until amended or rescinded.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September, 2025.



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Douglas H. Freitag, Judge Presiding  
140<sup>th</sup> District Judge & Local Administrative Judge