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**IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
128TH, 163RD, AND 260TH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING SEALING OF NOTICES OF INTENT TO USE CHILD
ABUSE VICTIM'S HEARSAY STATEMENTS**

The District Courts of Orange County, Texas, 128th, 163rd, and 260th Judicial Districts (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Courts") find and order as follows:

FINDINGS

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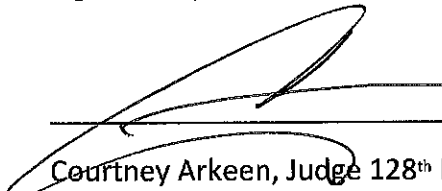
1. The State is required to give notice to the defense if they intend to offer hearsay statements of child abuse victims pursuant to Section 38.072 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
2. In Texas, these notices are not automatically sealed.
3. The notices typically contain information which is sexually explicit concerning a minor child as well as the child's name or their parent/guardian's name(s).
4. The court's file that they are filed in is public.
5. The defense is entitled to view the notice.

ORDERS

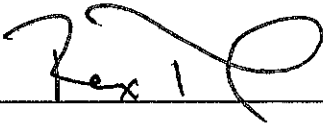
The Courts order as follows:

1. The District Clerk of Orange County, Texas shall seal upon filing and prevent the public from viewing any Notice of Intent to Use Child Abuse Victim's Hearsay Statements and any attachments in felony cases before the courts.
2. The courts and the defense attorney shall be entitled to view the Notice of Intent to Use Child Abuse Victim's Hearsay Statements and any attachments.

Signed the 18th day of December, 2025.



Courtney Arkeen, Judge 128th District Court



Rex Peveto, Judge 163rd District Court



Steve Parkhurst, Judge 260th District Court