

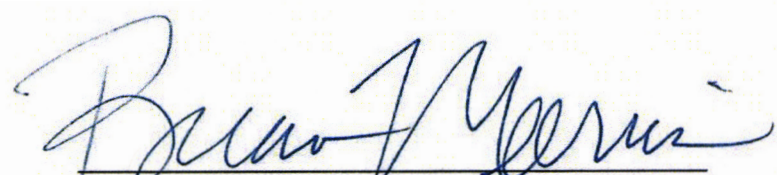
**MAR 24 2020**Clerk, U.S. Courts  
District Of Montana  
Missoula Division**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA****IN THE MATTER OF:  
RELEASE OF PRETRIAL SERVICES  
BOND REPORT TO PARTIES IN  
CRIMINAL CASES****ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-16**

In the wake of the recent outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Court has taken measures to reduce the number of in-custody defendants transported to hearings. Release of bond reports to counsel for a particular defendant and counsel for the United States will facilitate discussion between counsel in advance of detention hearings and lead to more agreements regarding detention in advance of the scheduled detention hearing. Such advance agreements will help identify which in-custody defendants need to be transported from the correction facility to Court for detention hearings and/or release, and which do not need to be transported. Further, allowing bond reports to be transmitted electronically will help minimize contact between individuals and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Therefore, the United States Probation and Pretrial Office shall adopt a procedure to allow counsel for a defendant and the United States electronic access to bond reports in advance of detention hearings. These bond reports remain

confidential and, absent Court authorization, these reports remain only for the eyes of counsel for the United States, counsel for defendant about whom the report is written, and the defendant himself/herself. This Order will remain in place indefinitely due to the uncertain duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DATED this 24th day of March, 2020.



Brian Morris, Chief District Judge  
United States District Court