

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO.: DR25-0407
DIVISION: 58

MELISSA CORNEAL,

Petitioner,

v.

SETH CORNEAL,

Respondent.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DETERMINE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT
RECORDS**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Respondent's Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(9), seeking an order sealing the following information relative to this case: the entire court file and the progress docket. The Court, having considered the Motion, hearing argument of counsel, and being otherwise advised in the premises, makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. Confidentiality of the information sought to be sealed is appropriate in accordance with Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(9), to protect the following interest(s):

 x a. Prevent serious and imminent threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly administration of justice, specifically: Respondent's presumption of innocence.

 b. Protect Trade Secrets.

- c. Protect a compelling government interest.
- d. Obtain evidence to determine legal issues in a case.
- e. Avoid substantial injury to innocent third parties.
- f. Avoid substantial injury to a party by disclosure of matters protected by a

common law or privacy right not generally inherent in this type of proceeding, specifically: Defendant's right to work; presumption of innocence until proven guilty; consumers right to privacy and correct inaccuracies and delete data that is wrongfully being disseminated and/or viewed.

g. Complying with established public policy set for in Florida or U.S. Constitution or statutes of Florida rules or case law, specifically: Article I, Section(s) 6 and 12 of the Florida Constitution.

2. The Court further finds that no less restrictive measure is available to protect this/these interest(s), and that the degree, duration and manner of confidentiality ordered herein is no broader than necessary to protect the interest(s).

Wherefore, it is hereby ORDERED that:


In accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420 and the Standards for Access to Electronic Court Records and Access Security Matrix, the Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby directed to maintain as confidential the following materials related to this matter: the entire court file and progress docket. The progress docket shall not be available on any public information system.

It is further ORDERED that any materials sealed pursuant to this Order shall be conditionally disclosed upon the entry of a further order by this Court finding that such opening is necessary for the purposes of judicial or government accountability or First Amendment rights.

It is further ORDERED that, within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, the Clerk shall post a copy of this Order on the bulletin board of the St. Johns County Courthouse, St. Augustine, and the Clerk's website for a period of thirty (30) days to provide public notice.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk is hereby authorized to unseal any materials sealed pursuant to this Order for the purpose of filing, microfilming or imaging files, or transmitting a record to an appellate tribunal. The materials shall be resealed immediately upon completion of the filing.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, in St. Johns County, Florida.

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HONORABLE ROSE MARIE K. PREDER
CIRCUIT JUDGE
e-Signed 5/5/2026 2:22 PM DR25-0407

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Copies to: All parties of record