

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 08-80736-CIV-MARRA

JANE DOE #1 and JANE DOE #2,

Petitioners,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

**ORDER REQUESTING JUSTIFICATION FOR INTERVENOR EPSTEIN'S
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL PROTECTIVE ORDER**

This cause is before the Court on Intervenor Jeffrey Epstein's Unopposed Motion for a Supplemental Protective Order. (DE 261). Without opposition from either Petitioners (Plaintiffs) or Respondent (Defendant), Intervenor Epstein moves for a protective order requiring "that any party would be required to file under seal any portion of the plea negotiation correspondence between the Government and Epstein's counsel, whether offered as an exhibit or quoted from in the content of a pleading or motion." (*Id.* at 1).

Public policy favors judicial records being open to the public. See S.D. Fla. Local R. 5.4. In order for the Court to take action inconsistent with that policy, a party seeking to seal a judicial record must provide adequate justification overcoming the presumption that filings in civil cases be public. The Court therefore requests that the parties, either jointly or separately, submit filings setting forth the extraordinary circumstances or particularized needs necessitating a seal in this case. See Brown v. Advantage Eng'g, Inc., 960 F.2d 1013, 1016 (11th Cir. 1992); Wilson v.

Am. Motors Corp., 759 F.2d 1568, 1570 (11th Cir. 1985).

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County,
Florida, this 14th day of January, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Marra', is written above a horizontal line.

KENNETH A. MARRA
United States District Judge