


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
23-SO-3

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IN RE:)
THIRD-PARTY SERVICES)
AND ACCESS TO CASE INFORMATION)
AND DOCUMENTS)
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STANDING ORDER

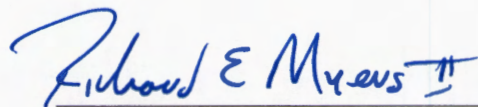
It has come to the attention of this Court that certain registered users of the Court's CM/ECF system may be using third-party service providers (including, but not limited to PACER Pro, DocketBird, CourtDrive, and RECAP) to collect and organize case filings. To facilitate the use of such a third-party service, these CM/ECF users either designate the third-party service provider as a secondary recipient of Notices of Electronic Filing (NEF) or Notices of Docket Activity (NDA), or share their PACER account credentials with the service provider. The third-party service provider then may download and manage documents on the CM/ECF users' behalf, and in some instances resell or republish case documents and case information that they obtain.

These practices give third-party service providers access to sealed and/or restricted case documents, docket text, and other case information, in violation of Court orders and rules. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that CM/ECF users in this district:

- (1) Shall not share the CM/ECF user's PACER credentials with a third-party service provider, or any other third party, with the exception of authorized employees of an attorney user's law firm, in accordance with Local Civil Rule 5.1(c) and Local Criminal Rule 49.1(c);
- (2) Shall not designate a third-party service provider as a secondary recipient of NEFs or NDAs;

- (3) If a CM/ECF user has previously provided the user's CM/ECF and/or PACER credentials to a third-party service provider, the user shall promptly reset the user's passwords to prevent further access to sealed and/or restricted documents; and
- (4) If a CM/ECF user has previously provided the user's CM/ECF and/or PACER credentials to a third-party service provider, or designated a third-party service provider as a secondary recipient of NEFs or NDAs, the CM/ECF user shall ensure that the third-party service provider is not in possession of sealed and/or restricted documents or information intended only for the user and other case participants, and has not redistributed the same.

SO ORDERED. This the 24th day July, 2023.



RICHARD E. MYERS II
Chief United States District Judge