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IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CARSON CITY

Case No.: 20-OC-001641B

Dept. No.: SEALED1

MOTION TO UNSEAL

COMES NOW, Alexander Falconi d/b/a/ Our Nevada Judges², by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby files the following motion to unseal, or in the alternative, for an order directing the Clerk of the Court to disclose information. This motion is based upon the following memorandum of points and authorities and all pleadings on file herein.

Memorandum of Points and Authorities

I. Standing

District Court Judges Jasmin Lilly-Spells³ and Susan Johnson have allowed comprehensive electronic coverage of a related civil matter involving Mr. Eggleston currently before the Eighth Judicial District Court in docket no. D-19-600496-C. See Exhibit 1. However, the Clerk of this Court has refused to disclose any information related to the case pending before this court, citing

¹ The Clerk of this Court refused to disclose this information.

² Alexander M. Falconi owns, operates, and controls the Our Nevada Judges organization, including but not limited to the website, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter platforms.

³ Judge Jasmin Lilly-Spells issued an oral pronouncement from the bench, self-recused, and successor-Judge Susan Johnson entered final written order consistent with the pronouncement.

a sealing order. Our Nevada Judges was only able to obtain the case number. The Nevada Rules for Sealing and Redacting Court Records ("SRCR") 4(2) allows the bringing of this motion by a non-party.

II. Statutory Construction, Generally

The interpretation of statutes and rules concerning the sealing and redaction of cases and documents must be strictly construed. *Johanson v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of Nev.*, 124 Nev. 245, 249, 182 P.3d 94, 97 (2008). The SRCR control sealing and redaction in civil cases. SRCR 1(4).

III. Requests, Unsealing Bare Minimum Information Is Mandatory

Our Nevada Judges seeks and order from the Court directing the Clerk to restore public access to the docket. SRCR 3(7) describes the procedure for maintaining sealed court records, which includes SRCR 3(7)(a)(1), requiring the preservation of docket codes, document titles, and dates, "on the court's docket." However, the entire file and information related to the file remains inaccessible to the public. OUR NEVADA JUDGES requests that his Court order the Clerk to comply with SRCR 3(7)(a)(1) and either unseal the docket, or instruct the Clerk as on the public status of the docket consistent with SRCR 3(7)(a)(1).

Further, SRCR 3(4), requires written findings before sealing and redaction may occur, however, the sealing order from this case is not available. The sealing order is a public document under SRCR 3(7)(a)(3). If no findings supporting sealing in compliance with SRCR 3(4) exist, the entire file should be unsealed. See *Johanson v. Dist. Ct.* at 182 P. 3d 94, 95 (finding manifest abuse of discretion when the court sealed "the entire case file" in violation of NRS 125.110 without the required findings.) If, however, these findings do exist, in the alternative, Our Nevada Judges would request this Court unseal and make available to the public "the order and the written

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findings supporting the order to seal" under SRCR 7(a)(3) (mandating that "both shall be accessible to the public".)

Our Nevada Judges also requests that this Court unseal the "entire file." The Supreme Court seldom uses language as plain as "under no circumstances", and the Justices articulated further under SRCR 3(5)(c) that the "[s]ealing of an entire court file [is] prohibited." Certain mandatory minimum information must be made available to the public, including:

(i) the case number(s) or docket code(s) or number(s); (ii) the date that the action was commenced; (iii) the names of the parties, counsel of record, and the assigned judge; (iv) the notation 'case sealed'; (v) the case type and cause(s) of action, which may be obtained from the Civil Cover Sheet; (vi) the order to seal and written findings supporting the order; and (vii) the identity of the party or other person who filed the motion to seal.

The "presumption favoring public access to judicial records and documents is only overcome when the party requesting the sealing of a record or document demonstrates that 'the public right of access is outweighed by a significant competing interest." *Howard v. State*, 128 Nev. 736, 738, 291 P.3d 137, 138 (2012) (discussing SRCR 3). At this time, Our Nevada Judges is only seeking the mandatory minimum information. If, at a later date, Our Nevada Judges desires to unseal any further filings, an SRCR 3 analysis on those filings may be requested at a later date and upon the filing of a second motion.

IV. Coverage of Domestic Relations Matters, Generally

It is not out of the norm for Our Nevada Judges to monitor and cover domestic relations matters. Family Division District Court Judges Dawn Throne⁴, David Gibson Jr.⁵, Heidi Almase,

electronic coverage of their family court proceedings, including NRS 432B proceedings. The instant proceedings are apparently connected to civil proceedings scrutinizing the conduct of the Department of Family Services, a child protective services agency, coverage of which is not inconsistent with the purpose of Our Nevada Judges, which is to cover the entire state, both territorially and in subject-matter. This case, which in some way connects to and stems from an NRS 432B proceeding, could not possibly have been intended to be conducted in such an extreme level of secrecy, especially given the reality that the Legislature specifically enacted NRS 432B.430, which confers the discretion to allow public access to NRS 432B proceedings under certain circumstances.

Tamatha Schreinert⁶, Cynthia Lu⁷, and Shell Mercer⁸, are currently allowing comprehensive

V. Conclusion

"The operations of the courts and the judicial conduct of judges are matters of utmost public concern." *Id.* at 915 P.2d 249. "[S]ecret judicial proceedings pose [a threat] to public confidence in this court and the judiciary" *Id.* at 915 P.2d 248.

The withholding of the docket, party names, attorney names, document titles, hearing dates, and the docket itself from public review is inconsistent Supreme Court's rules, the public policy of this State, and implicates First Amendment concerns.

For these several reasons, Our Nevada Judges hereby requests the bare minimum information outline above be unsealed, and/or to the extent necessary, that the Clerk of this Court be instructed as to the public status of the bare minimum information outlined above.

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⁹ This discretion is conferred to the actual judge presiding over the NRS 432B proceeding, and is cited as an example confronting the frequently asserted and wrongheaded notion that NRS 432B.280 forces the sealing and redacting of any proceeding that even remotely touches the underlying confidential reports.

AFFIRMATION: This document does not contain a social security number of any person.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this Friday, July 1, 2022:

By:
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DECLARATION OF ALEXANDER FALCONI

I, Alexander M. Falconi, state that I have read this *Motion* and that the contents are true and correct of my own personal knowledge, except for those matters I have stated that are not of my own personal knowledge, but that I only believe them to be true, and as for those matters, I do believe they are true.

I declare 10 under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED this 30 day of June, 2022.

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¹⁰ NRS 53.045 (declaration in lieu of affidavit).

NRCP 5¹¹ Certificate of Service

I, Luke Busby, do hereby certify that I placed a true and correct copy of this *Motion* and placed it into a sealed envelope and mailed it, via United States Postal Service, addressed as follows:

Paola Armeni, Esq. 3800 Howard Hughes Pkwy. Suite 500 Las Vegas, NV 89169 Amity C Dorman, Esq. 601 N. Pecos Rd. Building B, Room 470 Las Vegas, NV 89101

EXECUTED this $\frac{\sqrt{s+}}{\sqrt{s+}}$ day of July, 2022.

Luke Busby

¹¹ SRCR 3(1) expressly requires service be made "in accordance with NRCP 5".

List of Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration of Order Allowing Camera Access to Court Proceedings
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Exhibit 2: Proposed Order

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

STEVE EGGLESTON, Plaintiff,

VS.

GEORGINA STUART; CLARK COUNTY NEVADA; LISA CALLAHAN; BRIAN CALLAHAN; AND DOES I THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE, DOES I-X,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-16-748919-C

Dept. No.: XXII

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER ALLOWING CAMERA ACCESS TO COURT PROCEEDINGS

On February 17, 2022, this Court approved a request by Our Nevada Judges to have camera access and provide electronic coverage of these proceedings to the public. On February 23, 2022, Defendants filed a motion to reconsider. On same day, Our Nevada Judges, by and through its counsel, filed opposition. On April 11, 2022, Defendants filed reply to opposition. On May 10, 2022, Parties convened before the Court for oral arguments.

Defendant argues for a total revocation of camera access, purporting it would be impossible to preserve confidentiality. Our Nevada Judges asserts it can comply with confidentiality directives, cites a history of protecting the privacy and identity of children, and recognizes a need to consider and protect the privacy and identity of children in this case.

I. SCR 230(2) Findings

SCR 230(2) requires this Court to "make particularized findings on the record when determining whether electronic coverage will be allowed at a proceeding". Specifically, this Court finds that "[t]he impact of coverage upon the right of any party to a fair trial" is unlikely; "[t]he impact of coverage upon the right of privacy of any party or witness" is acceptable with the media directives outlined further in this order; "[t]he impact of coverage upon the safety and well-being of any party, witness or juror" is acceptable with the media directives outlined further in this order; it is unlikely "that coverage would distract participants or would detract from the dignity of the proceedings"; "[t]he adequacy of the physical facilities of the court for coverage" is of no concern except potentially during any *voir dire* of a jury venire; and, no "other factor [would appear to] affect[] the fair administration of justice."

II. Conclusions of Law

Consistent with this Court's prior findings on SCR 230(2)(b) and SCR 230(2)(c), specific media directives are now set forth protecting the identity and privacy of children in this case. Our Nevada Judges as an organization, and Alexander Falconi as the administrator, owner, operator, and controller, is ordered to refrain from publishing or otherwise disclosing the following:

- 1) confidential documentation and records presented during hearings in this case;
- 2) information concerning the Indiana guardianship proceedings;
- 3) the names and identities² of any children in this case; and
- 4) any documents that are sealed.

Our Nevada Judges can have access only to public³ information.

¹ This Court will consider any such impact if and when jury selection is scheduled to occur. SCR 231(2).

² This prohibition includes the rendition and publication of any likenesses of any children in this case.

³ This includes confidential information rendered public by virtue of redactions that appropriately conceal from the public specific portions that are confidential.

1 **CSERV** 2 DISTRICT COURT 3 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 4 5 Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s) CASE NO: A-16-748919-C 6 DEPT. NO. Department 22 7 VS. Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s) 8 9 10 **AUTOMATED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 11 This automated certificate of service was generated by the Eighth Judicial District Court. The foregoing Order was served via the court's electronic eFile system to all 12 recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below: 13 Service Date: 6/9/2022 14 Felicia Galati fgalati@ocgas.com 15 Steve Eggleston theeggman411@gmail.com 16 17 Tanya Bain tbain@clarkhill.com 18 Paola Armeni parmeni@clarkhill.com 19 Steve Eggleston steve@steveegglestonwrites.com 20 Theresa Mains Theresa@TheresaMainsPA.com 21 Brittany Falconi media@ournevadajudges.com 22 Nadia Ahmed nahmed@clarkhill.com 23 Administration OurNevadaJudges 24 admin@ournevadajudges.com 25 Luke Busby luke@lukeandrewbusbyltd.com 26 Ida Sedlock isedlock@ocgas.com 27

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6	IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA	
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8	STEVE EGGLESTON,	
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10	vs.	Case No.: 20-OC-001641B
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14	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO UNSEAL	
15	Before the Court is the Motion of Alexander Falconi, d/b/a/ Our Nevada Judges to unseal	
16	under SRCR 4(2), which allows non-parties to bring such a motion, recognizing non-party, public	
17	interests in matters concerning the sealing and redaction of court filings.	
18	SRCR 3(5)(c) forbids the sealing of the "entire file" and provides this Court with "no	
19	circumstances" that would justify such an extensive sealing. Furthermore, certain information must	
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21	be made available to the public, consistent with same rule. The Clerk must continue to maintain	
22	and disclose the docket to the public, consistent with SRCR 3(7), and the sealing order itself,	
23	including the findings thereof, as required by SRCR 3(7)(a)(3).	
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1	The Clark of the Court shall make the following specific information available to the		
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3	1) The case number(s);		
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8	5) The names of the parties, counsel of record, and the assigned judge;		
9	6) The notation "case sealed;"		
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11	Sheet;		
12	8) The order to seal and written findings supporting the order; and		
13	9) The identity of the party or other person who filed the motion to seal.		
14 15	Our Nevada Judges shall serve notice of entry of this order on all parties and the Clerk or		
16	the Court within 7 days of its issuance.		
17	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
18	SIGNED THIS day of, 2022.		
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20	DISTRICT COURT JUDGE		
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