

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**Standing Order re Release of Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports in Criminal Cases  
Pending Appeal**

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WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation produces Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) Reports and files those reports with the Court in individual criminal cases as ordered; and

WHEREAS, the PSIs include confidential data and are filed with data protection in the Court's case management system MNCIS; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2016, PSI reports were filed as Confidential-2, but beginning in 2016, they are filed as Confidential-Agency; and

WHEREAS, Confidential-Agency documents are available to the defense attorney representing the individual defendant who is the subject of the PSI; and

WHEREAS, Confidential-2 documents require a court order to be disclosed to anyone; and

WHEREAS, there is no change in the PSI report itself, only the court's classification; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of justice for the defendant's appellate counsel in each such instance to have immediate access to this Confidential-2 document in cases from 2015 and earlier.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

A copy of a filed PSI report shall be released to the Office of the Appellate Public Defender if the Office of the Public Defender is assigned to the case in which it is filed and requests a copy of the PSI.

**BY THE COURT:**

Dated: September 17, 2018

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Ivy S. Bernhardson  
Chief Judge of District Court