

<p><b>DISTRICT COURT, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO</b>  Court Address: 915 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Greeley, CO 80631  Mail Address: P.O. Box 2038, Greeley, CO 80632  (970) 475-2400</p> <hr/> <p><b>The People of the State of Colorado</b>, Plaintiff,  v.  <b>CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS</b>, Defendant.</p>	<p>DATE FILED: October 22, 2018</p> <p>Case Number: 18CR2003</p> <p>Div.: 5</p>
<p align="center"><b>ORDER (C-21) REGARDING DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE  PLEADING UNDER SEAL</b></p>	

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Mr. Watt’s Motion For Leave To File A Pleading Under Seal Pursuant To Administrative Order 2016-04, And Further Request To Hold An Ex Parte Hearing On The Issue (D-40) filed on October 12, 2018. No response to the motion has been filed. The Court finds and concludes as follows:

Administrative Order 2016-04 issued by the Chief Judge of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District acknowledges Chief Justice Directive 05-01. Section 3.07 of the Directive defines “Sealed court record” as any court record that is accessible only to judges, court staff, and other authorized Department staff. Anyone seeking access to a sealed court record must obtain a court order. Section 4.60 identifies court records excluded from public access.

The defendant intends on filing a motion under seal which “will include information protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.” Based on the limited information provided to the court, the defendant is hereby authorized to file a motion under seal. Upon receipt this court will determine if the motion was appropriately filed as sealed. If so, the court will determine if it would be appropriate to schedule an *ex parte* hearing. If the motion was inappropriately filed as a sealed document the court will consider converting the motion to a

“suppressed” or “public” filing”.

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2018

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcelo A. Kopcow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Marcelo A. Kopcow,  
District Court Judge