

**IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION
OF BOND REPORTS**

**DISTRICT COURT GENERAL ORDER
2020-5**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the passage of the CARES Act, the Court has taken measures to expand the use of video teleconferences and/or telephone conferences for detention hearings in criminal cases. Title 18 U.S.C. § 3153(c)(1) states that “[e]ach pretrial services report shall be made available to the attorney for the accused and the attorney for the Government.” For in-person detention hearings, copies of bond reports prepared by Pretrial Services are distributed to the attorneys at the hearing and then collected at the hearing’s conclusion. When detention hearings are conducted via video teleconference or telephonically, the physical distribution and collection of bond reports is not possible. In order to provide a workable method of distributing bond reports, it is necessary for the Court to facilitate the electronic distribution of such reports to the attorneys.

Therefore, it is ordered that the Probation Office may provide an electronic copy of the bond report and all supplemental bond reports to the attorney for the United States and the attorney for the defendant in connection with a detention hearing. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3153(c)(1), bond reports “shall be used only for the purposes of a bail determination and shall otherwise be confidential.” The bond reports are not public records and shall not be reproduced or disclosed to any other party.

This Order will terminate ninety days from the date of issuance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Dated at Denver, Colorado this 8th day of April, 2020.

BY THE COURT



PHILIP A. BRIMMER
Chief United States District Judge