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Date: Wed, Feb 11, 2026 at 12:54 PM

Subject: TNWD 2:26-cv-02123-TLP-atc – ILLEGAL ACTIVITY EVIDENCE (USB) – HOLD FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (TBI/FBI) – PRESERVATION / CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

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Cc: Michael Philips <mikeydphilips@gmail.com>

Good morning,

The flash drive(s) being transmitted to the Clerk's Office contain evidence documenting illegal activity connected to this matter and occurring within this District and State, involving court-connected personnel. I have notified both the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the FBI that these materials exist and that the Court is receiving the physical media as conventional exhibits. If delivery is attempted, refusal or return of the package would be improper and would defeat preservation and chain-of-custody; the package should be accepted, logged upon receipt, and preserved pending Court order and/or lawful process.

This is not a request for Intake staff to review or evaluate the contents. It is a preservation and chain-of-custody issue.

1. CM/ECF limitation; conventional lodging

As Intake has already advised, native audio/video cannot be uploaded to CM/ECF. That is precisely why I filed a motion for leave to lodge the media conventionally and requested a docketed notice of receipt and preservation/chain-of-custody relief.

2. Clerk's obligation to accept filings; preservation record

Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(4) provides that the Clerk must not refuse to file a paper solely because it is not in the form prescribed. I am requesting that the Court record reflect receipt of the physical media and that the chain-of-custody be preserved pending judicial action.

3. TNWD custody/removal principles for court materials and exhibits

TNWD Local Rule 79.1(a) provides that original papers in the custody of the Clerk shall be removed only upon order of the Court. Local Rule 79.1(b) addresses custody of exhibits, and Local Rule 79.1(c) governs withdrawal/disposition after final determination. The point is straightforward: once items are in the Court's custody, custody and disposition are controlled and documented, not handled informally in a way that breaks chain-of-custody.

Accordingly, please do the following immediately:

A. Docket a Notice of Receipt that identifies: (i) the date/time received; (ii) the number of physical items received (e.g., USB drive(s)); and (iii) the external label/identifier on each item.

B. Preserve the item(s) securely, without accessing, copying, modifying, or overwriting the contents, pending the Court's ruling and/or law-enforcement process.

C. Do not return the drive(s) without a Court directive. If Chambers orders return, please docket the return (date, method, and recipient) so the chain-of-custody record remains complete.

4. Referral / law-enforcement process / nature of the evidence; preservation required

I have notified the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the FBI that the USB/flash drive(s) lodged in this matter contain native audio/video evidence documenting criminal misconduct and abuse of process connected to these proceedings. The contents include recorded calls and related materials concerning my confinement, the use of jail/custody and threatened continued confinement as leverage to compel agreement to settlement terms and a gag-style restriction, and communications reflecting coercion and improper pressure applied while I was being held against my will. The drive(s) also include related video and supporting materials tied to the same custody-and-coercion events.

The evidence further reflects involvement, coordination, and/or knowledge by court-connected personnel and litigation participants, including a federal judge's chambers/employee (legal assistant) and an attorney whose conduct is intertwined with Court-directed or Court-adjacent communications and actions. These are not abstract allegations. The files are direct recordings and contemporaneous materials, and they must be treated as evidence under preservation and chain-of-custody protocols, not as ordinary "attachments" that can be informally returned or handled.

Accordingly, the Clerk's Office shall preserve the media so it remains available for lawful process and judicial control. If TBI or the FBI serves process (subpoena/warrant) or if the Court enters an order directing production, transfer, inspection, or imaging, the Clerk's Office must coordinate compliance strictly pursuant to the Court's directive and maintain a complete documented chain-of-custody for any handling, transfer, or duplication. No access, copying, review, playback, or connection to any system should occur absent a Court order or lawful process, and any Court-authorized imaging/duplication must be documented.

I am copying Judge Norris's Chambers, Judge Christoff and Judge Parker's Chambers on this correspondence as well as Wendy Oliver and Judy Easley

Respectfully,

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On Wed, Feb 11, 2026, 5:53 AM IntakeTNWD <IntakeTNWD@tnwd.uscourts.gov> wrote:

Mr., Philipson,

It appears that you have already sent the flash drives to the court. IF chambers has not granted your motion once we receive these flash drives, they will be returned to you. We cannot be responsible for keeping these until chambers grants / denies your motion.

Intake staff

From: Michael Philips <mikeydphilips@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:15 PM

To: IntakeTNWD <IntakeTNWD@tnwd.uscourts.gov>

Subject: TNWD 2:26-cv-02123-TLP-atc – Request to Docket Motion to Lodge Conventional Audio/Video Exhibits

CAUTION - EXTERNAL:

Clerk's Office / Intake,

In Case No. 2:26-cv-02123-TLP-atc, please docket the attached filing:

1. PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LODGE AUDIO AND VIDEO EXHIBITS
CONVENTIONALLY; FOR DOCKETED NOTICE OF RECEIPT; AND FOR PRESERVATION / CHAIN-
OF-CUSTODY RELIEF (with Memorandum of Facts and Law in Support).

This motion is prompted by the Clerk's February 9, 2026 email advising that native audio exhibits cannot be placed on CM/ECF and that Plaintiff must obtain permission from the Court and, if granted, submit the audio recordings via CD or flash drive.

As stated in the motion, on February 10, 2026 Plaintiff mailed a labeled USB/flash drive to the Clerk's Office containing the native audio and video files identified in the motion for logging, retention, and preservation as conventional exhibits. The USPS Priority Mail shipment was sent Signature Required to the Clerk's Office at 167 N. Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103-1816, USPS Signature Tracking No. 9410 8301 0935 5008 1931 17.

Attached:

- Motion (PDF)
- Exhibit A – USPS Click-N-Ship Label / Signature Tracking
- Exhibit B – Clerk email re: audio not uploadable to CM/ECF

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 02-10-26 - PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LODGE AUDIO AND VIDEO EXHIBITS .pdf | Download |
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