

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
ARCHULETA, LA PLATA, AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-11

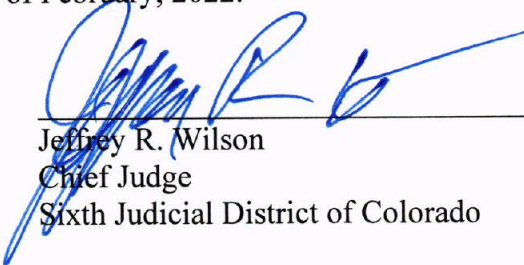
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**ORDER TEMPORARILY SEALING APPLICATIONS FOR SEARCH WARRANTS  
AND ARREST WARRANTS**

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The Court finds that disclosure of applications for arrest and search warrants and whether such applications have been granted prior to their execution creates an unpredictable and dangerous situation for law enforcement officers when persons obtain notice of the existence of such warrants and prepare to resist their execution. Prior knowledge of the issuance of these warrants can also lead to the destruction of evidence and/or the flight of persons subject to arrest to avoid apprehension. While the undersigned has considered the provisions of C. R. Crim. P. 55.1, the Court finds pursuant to CRS 24-72-305(5), the public disclosure of the existence of search and arrest warrants before the warrants are executed is contrary to the public interest. Therefore, unless a motion to seal the warrant and its application is granted, it is ordered that any applications for search and arrest warrants that are granted shall remain sealed until the Court is notified that the defendant has been arrested or a search warrant return has been filed with the Court.

APPROVED AND SIGNED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.



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Jeffrey R. Wilson  
Chief Judge  
Sixth Judicial District of Colorado