

General Order 18 - 09

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Consistent with guidance from the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' Probation and Pretrial Services Office, this general order will serve as authorization for the U.S. Probation Office to no longer have to maintain original Chain of Custody forms for collected urine specimens that test positive for illegal drugs.

The Probation Office shall maintain an electronic copy of the Chain of Custody forms for urine specimens that test positive for illegal drugs. This electronic copy can be submitted in lieu of the original for Court purposes; however, the U.S. Probation Office maintains responsibility for proving the urine specimen was submitted by the defendant or offender, should that be challenged.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 14th day of September, 2018.



RODNEY GILSTRAP
Chief Judge