

General Order 01-10

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

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING DISCLOSURE
OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR PROBATION
AND SUPERVISED RELEASE CASES**

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DEPUTY

The following procedures will be used by the United States Probation Office for probation or supervised release cases where the offender is also subject to supervision by another criminal justice agency.

The U.S. Probation Office is encouraged to work with other community supervision and state organizations when an offender is subject to dual supervision. When these cases arise, it is expected that there will be a collaboration between the supervising agencies to ensure the goals of supervision are met.

To that end, the U.S. Probation Office or their contract providers shall be permitted to disclose information on an offender in a drug treatment, mental health, or sex offender program to other probation or parole offices that may also be supervising the offender. Drug test results may also be disclosed. Additionally, United States Probation Officers and/or their contract providers are authorized to testify at any probation or parole hearing for the limited purpose of discussing an offender's drug test results and/or progress in any drug treatment program. Any further disclosure relating to the offender that is not part of the public record must be approved by the sentencing judge.

This general order supersedes any prior conflicting general orders.

FOR THE COURT:

John Hannah, Jr.
JOHN HANNAH, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE