IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 08-CR-437
	)	
PRESTON PINKETT, II	)	The Honorable James C. Cacheris
	)	
	)	Sentencing Date: Sep. 11, 2009
Defendant.	)	

SEALING ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on the Defendant's Motion to Seal pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(E) and for good cause shown, the Court finds:

1. The defendant seeks to file certain confidential medical documents under seal.

2. Sealing of these documents is necessary because the documents contain information that should not be disclosed to the public at large.

3. The Court has considered procedures other than sealing, but none would suffice to protect the information subject to sealing.

4. The Court has the inherent power to seal materials submitted to it. *See United States v. Wuagneux*, 683 F.2d 1343, 1351 (11th Cir. 1982); *State of Arizona v. Maypenny*, 672 F.2d 761, 765 (9th Cir. 1982); *Times Mirror Company v. United States*, 873 F.2d 1210 (9th Cir. 1989); *see also Shea v. Gabriel*, 520 F.2d 879 (1st Cir. 1975); *United States v. Hubbard*, 650 F.2d 293 (D.C. Cir. 1980); *In re Braughton*, 520 F.2d 765, 766 (9th Cir. 1975). "The trial court has supervisory power over its own records and may, in its discretion, seal documents if the public's right of access is outweighed by competing interests." *In re Knight Pub. Co.*, 743 F.2d 231, 235 (4th Cir. 1984).

5. The defendant requests that the documents remain under seal until further order of the Court.

It is therefore, ORDERED that the defendant's Motion to Seal is GRANTED, and it is further ORDERED that the documents filed under seal will remain under seal until further order of this Court.

ENTERED this 10 day of September, 2009.

/s/
James C. Cacheris
United States District Judge

The Hon. James C. Cacheris
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE