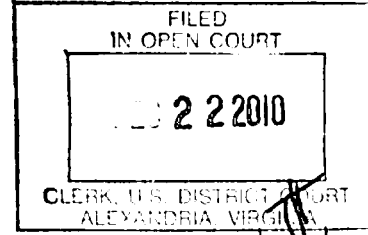


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
) UNDER SEAL
 v.)
) No. 1:10cr 485
)
 JEFFREY ALEXANDER STERLING)

ORDER TO SEAL

The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to Local Rule 49(B) of the Local Criminal Rules for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, having moved to seal the indictment returned December 23, 2010, in the captioned proceeding, together with the arrest warrant for the defendant, the government's motion to seal, and this order; and

The COURT, having found that revealing the material sought to be sealed would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation; having considered the available alternatives that are less drastic than sealing, and finding none would suffice to protect the government's legitimate interest in concluding the investigation; and finding that this legitimate government interest outweighs at this time any interest in the disclosure of the material; it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that, the indictment, arrest warrant, motion to seal, and this order be sealed until the defendant is arrested and first appears before a magistrate judge or other judicial officer pursuant to Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Entered in Alexandria, Virginia, this 22nd day of December, 2010.

_____/s/_____
John F. Anderson
United States Magistrate Judge