

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In Re:

Transcript Requests in Criminal Cases

Misc. No. 20-061 (GAG)

GENERAL STANDING ORDER

The Court enters this Order to protect the safety of federal inmates who may be coerced by other inmates into providing their transcript of a guilty plea hearing or a sentencing hearing in order to demonstrate they have not received a safety valve reduction or were not cooperating in the prosecution of other defendants.

In all criminal cases filed in the United States District Court of Puerto Rico, transcripts of any and all proceedings will only be prepared by a Court Reporter upon prior approval by the presiding judge.

Court Reporters will only receive and process transcript requests made by a defendant's counsel of record. All other transcript requests shall be filed with the Court and will be processed when so ordered by the presiding judge.

Unless otherwise authorized by order of the presiding judge, transcripts shall remain under the sole custody of counsel of record, who shall not provide a copy of the same to the defendant or any third party.

IT IS SO ORDERED to be effective immediately.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 18th day of February, 2020.

s/ Gustavo A. Gelpí _____

Gustavo A. Gelpí

Chief, United States District Judge

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