

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

In Re:

Transcript Requests in Criminal Cases

Misc. No. 20-061 (GAG)

AMENDED 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 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 not receive, nor process transcript requests made by a defendant's counsel of record or *pro se* litigants. All transcript requests shall be filed by motion 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 19th day of February 2020.

s/ Gustavo A. Gelpí

Gustavo A. Gelpí

Chief, United States District Judge

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