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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Case No. 21-mj-71517
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
	)	PROTECTIVE ORDER
RAY J. GARCIA,	)	
Defendant.	)	

Plaintiff United States of America, by and through STEPHANIE M. HINDS, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, and Molly K. Priedeman, Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, and the defendant, Ray J. Garcia, through his undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

a) This is a case in which the defendant is charged with crimes involving victims. As such, the Victims are entitled to certain statutory protections, including: Title 18, United States Code, section 3771, which affords any victim of a crime the right to be treated with fairness and respect for his or her dignity and privacy.

b) Some of the discovery materials the government intends to produce in this case may

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1 include materials falling into one or more of the following categories (collectively, “Protected
2 Information”):

- 3 1. Personal Identifying Information of any individual, including without limitation any person’s
4 date of birth, social security number, residence or business address, telephone numbers, email
5 addresses, driver’s license number, professional license number, family members names, or
6 criminal histories (“Personal Identifying Information”);
- 7 2. The names and other personal information of Victims;
- 8 3. Financial information of any individual or business, including without limitation bank
9 account numbers, credit or debit card numbers, account passwords, contact information, and
10 taxpayer identification numbers (“Financial Information”); and
- 11 4. Medical records or other patient information of any individual covered by the Health
12 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) (“Medical Information”);

13 c) The government seized or otherwise obtained certain electronic devices from the
14 defendant (“Defendant’s Electronic Devices”) that may contain private and confidential information
15 relating to Victims and other individuals, including potentially personally identifiable information such
16 as account numbers, social security numbers, and dates of birth. Due to the nature in which the
17 information is stored, it cannot practicably be redacted.

18 THEREFORE, THE PARTIES STIPULATE AND AGREE that the Court should enter an order
19 restricting the disclosure of the Protected Information described above as follows:

20 1. All Protected Information produced by the government in this matter that is not
21 maintained on Defendant’s Electronic Devices shall be stamped on its face “PROTECTED
22 INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER – PM CHECK.” All information stored on
23 Defendant’s Electronic Devices will also be deemed Protected Information and subject to the terms of
24 this Protective Order.

25 2. The following individuals (the “Defense Team”) may access and review Protected
26 Information for the sole purpose of preparing the defense and for no other purpose:

- 27 a) Counsel for defendant who have made an appearance in this matter; and
- 28 b) Persons employed by defense counsel to assist with the preparation of the

1 defense, including legal assistants, experts, and investigators, but only after any such individual
2 has reviewed, signed, and dated a copy of this Protective Order to reflect his or her agreement to
3 be bound by it.

4 3. The Defense Team may review with the defendant all discovery material produced by the
5 government, but shall not provide the defendant with copies of, or permit the defendant to make copies
6 of or have unsupervised access to, any discovery material produced by the government that contains
7 Protected Information, unless the Personal Identifying Information, Financial Information, and/or
8 Medical Information has first been **entirely redacted** from the discovery materials. Discovery material
9 that clearly pertains to the defendant and does not contain Protected Information regarding any other
10 person (*e.g.*, a defendant's own bank records, telephone records, and business records) may be provided
11 to the defendant unredacted.

12 4. The Defense Team may show witnesses Protected Information in the course of preparing
13 a defense if the witness, by reason of their participation in the proceeding, would have seen or had
14 reason to know such information. Witnesses may only view Protected Information in the presence of
15 the Defense Team, and the Defense Team agrees to keep a log reflecting the date(s) on which a
16 particular witness viewed Protected Information and what specific Protected Information was viewed.

17 5. The Defense Team shall not disclose the substance of any Protected Information received
18 from the government in the above-captioned matter to any third party without the express written
19 permission of the government or the approval of this Court.

20 6. The Defense Team shall refer to any Victim only by his or her self-identified pseudonym
21 or first and last initials in all pleadings and at any court hearings.

22 7. If the Defense Team files a pleading that references, contains, or attaches Protected
23 Information subject to this Protective Order, any portion of that pleading that references, contains, or
24 attaches Protected Information must be filed under seal. The Defense Team shall comply with Criminal
25 Local Rule 56-1 to ensure that Protected Information is not improperly disclosed but that any sealing
26 order is limited to those portions of the pleading for which there is a valid basis to seal.

27 8. After any judgment or disposition has become final and there are no pending
28 proceedings, challenges, appeals, or habeas motions in the case, defense counsel shall notify the

1 government so that the government can request materials subject to this Protective Order (including any
2 copies) be returned to the United States. To the extent that the Defense Team intends to maintain
3 possession of the Protected Information, it must so do under conditions specified in this Protective
4 Order. If the Defense Team cannot ensure that the material will be kept under the conditions specified
5 in this Order, the Defense Team will destroy the material.

6 9. Any disputes about this Protective Order, including any dispute about the government's
7 decision to designate materials as Protected Information, shall be resolved by this Court only after
8 counsel for the United States and the defendant have first conferred and attempted to resolve the dispute.
9 Defense counsel shall first raise any disputed designation with the government in writing. If the
10 government does not then agree to change the designation, the defense may raise the issue with the
11 Court.

12 10. This stipulation is without prejudice to any party applying to the Court to modify the
13 terms of this Protective Order. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to modify this Protective Order upon
14 motion of any party even after the conclusion of district court proceedings in this case.
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16 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

STEPHANIE M. HINDS
Acting United States Attorney

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19 Dated: October 5, 2021

/s/

MOLLY K. PRIEDEMAN
Assistant United States Attorney

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22 /s/

JAMES REILLY
Counsel for Defendant RAY J. GARCIA

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25 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

26 Dated:

HON. ROBERT M. ILLMAN
United States Magistrate Judge