UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 17-0003

It appearing that the Executive Committee of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois met on March 9, 2017 and considered recent guidance from the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts; and

It further appearing that the Executive Committee endorsed certain recommendations from the Judicial Conference and reviewed additional recommendations; therefore

It is hereby ordered that when an inmate who is in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons requests any docket sheet, document or transcripts of a criminal case from the Court or a court reporter, the requested documents shall be sent directly and only to the Warden of the facility where the inmate is housed; and

It is further ordered that the inmate who requested the docket sheet, documents or transcripts, and the Warden of the facility where the inmate is housed, shall receive a copy of this Order and a letter explaining this Order with each request; and

It is further ordered that the Warden take great care to provide the requested documents timely in a safe environment for the inmate to review documents governed by this order; and

It is further ordered that the Warden may determine that the docket, document or transcripts may need to be held in the care and custody of the Warden after the inmate is able to review the file; and

It is further ordered that the Warden shall allow the inmate timely and reasonable access to the documents governed under this Order to allow the inmate to prepare court filings.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT

Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this day of March, 2017