

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 956

Amending Criminal Rule 6(I)  
concerning secrecy of grand jury  
proceedings

IT IS ORDERED:

Criminal Rule 6(I) is amended to provide:

(I) Secrecy of Proceedings and Disclosure.

(1) The selection, swearing, and charging of grand jury panels and all matters occurring before the grand jury are secret, except as otherwise provided by this rule. Disclosure of these matters, other than the grand jury's deliberations and the vote of any juror, may be made to the prosecuting attorney for use in the performance of his duties. Otherwise, a judge, juror, attorney, interpreter, court clerk or stenographer, or a typist who transcribes recorded testimony may disclose these matters only when so directed by the court preliminary to or in connection with a judicial or administrative proceeding.

(2) The returns of indictments to the superior court are public proceedings, unless the court directs that the proceedings be closed to the public and the indictment kept secret until the defendant is in custody or has given bail. In that event, the clerk shall seal the indictment and no person shall disclose the finding of the indictment except when necessary for the issuance and execution of a warrant or summons.

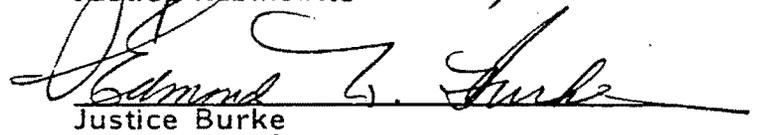
(3) No obligation of secrecy may be imposed upon any person except in accordance with this rule.

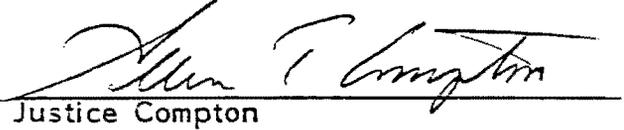
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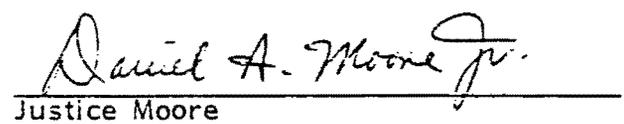
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1989

  
Chief Justice Matthews

  
Justice Rabinowitz

  
Justice Burke

  
Justice Compton

  
Justice Moore