

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 968

Amending Criminal Rule 37 to add a new paragraph (e) concerning the confidentiality of search warrant materials.

IT IS ORDERED:

Criminal Rule 37 is amended to add a new paragraph (e) to provide:

(e) Confidentiality of Warrant Information.

(1) The record of proceedings under this rule and all documents related to these proceedings, including search warrants, affidavits, receipts and inventories, are confidential and must be kept sealed before a criminal proceeding is formally initiated. However, the court may order release of these documents for good cause shown.

(2) After charges are filed, the record of proceedings under this rule and all related documents are open to public inspection unless the court, for good cause shown, orders a further period in which the documents will be kept under seal.

(3) The initial charging document in all prosecutions must be accompanied by a listing of the numbers of all warrants issued

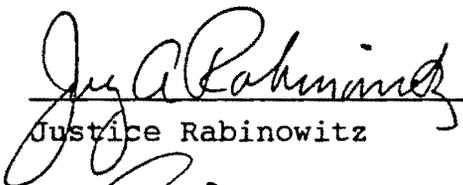
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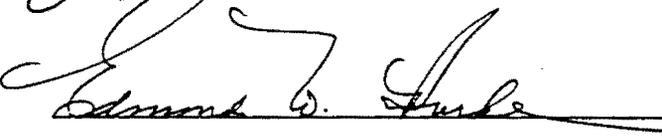
in relation to the case unless the court waives
this requirement for good cause shown.

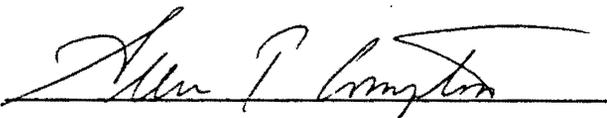
DATED: April 6, 1989

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1989


Chief Justice Matthews


Justice Rabinowitz


Justice Burke


Justice Compton

Justice Moore