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CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-16-004769

DAVID A. ESCAMILLA, TRAVIS OF COUNTY ATTORNEY, *Plaintiff*,	)	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
v.	)	TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
KEN PAXTON, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS *Defendant*,	)	261st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Motion to Oppose Sealing of Court Records

Under Texas Rule of Procedure 76a, court records are presumed to be open to the general public. Tex R. Civ. P 76a(1). The presumption of openness can be overcome, however, if the party seeking to seal the records establishes that (1) it has a specific, serious, and substantial interest in sealing the records that clearly outweighs the presumption of openness and any probable adverse effect on the general public health or safety and (20 no less restrictive means than sealing will adequately and effectively protect that interest. Tex. R. Civ. P. 76a(1). In determining whether court records should be sealed,the court should balance the public's interest in open court proceeding against a party's personal or proprietary interest in privacy. *General Tire, Inc. v. Kepple, 970 S.W. 2d 520, 526 (Tex 1998).*

I oppose the sealing of these records. As the victim of the underlying domestic violence charge, I believe my right to know the protections afforded me in the agreement outweigh all arguments presented by Travis County.

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