

**IN THE CIRCUIT FIRST JUDICIAL COURT  
IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

IN RE: The Name Change of

**E.C.MC.,**  
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**Case No. 2017-DR-003599**

**ORDER SEALING COURT RECORD AND APPROVING REPORT  
OF GENERAL MAGISTRATE**

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court on the Report of General Magistrate and the undersigned having considered the findings and recommendations therein with the exception period having been waived by the party, and being otherwise fully advised, it is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:**

1. Each and every finding and recommendation in the Report of General Magistrate entered January 8, 2019, is hereby ratified, approved, and incorporated into this Order. A copy of the Report of General Magistrate is attached hereto.
2. The Clerk of Court shall abide by all the findings and recommendations contained in the Report of General Magistrate and the Court adopts every recommendation contained in it as this Court's order.
3. The entire Court record shall be sealed and only the Petitioner shall have unfettered access without the necessity of a court order.
4. The pseudonym of **E.C.MC.** shall be used in place of the Petitioner's name.
5. The Court reserves jurisdiction in this cause to enforce the provisions of this Order and the provisions of the Report of General Magistrate.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Okaloosa County, Florida.



eSigned by CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JOHN T BROWN in 2017 DR 003599 F  
on 01/09/2019 17:14:29 GzYx2gHM

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**GENERAL MAGISTRATE’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS GRANTING  
MOTION TO DETERMINE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT RECORDS**

**THIS CAUSE** came before the undersigned General Magistrate for final hearing on January 8, 2019, with the hearing being electronically recorded, on a Motion for All Official Records, Filings, Court Records to be Undisclosed from Public Records construed as a Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records, pursuant to an Order of Referral to General Magistrate previously entered. The Petitioner appeared for the hearing pro se. The General Magistrate having considered the evidence presented and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

**FINDS AND RECOMMENDS THAT:**

1. The Petitioner is a victim of serious crimes and has well founded concerns regarding public disclosure of this case. Her Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records was made in good faith and is supported by a sound factual and legal basis.

2. After thorough review and analysis of §2.420(e)(3-4), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the Petitioner’s request is **GRANTED** based on the following findings. The whole court record in this case is to be sealed by the Clerk of Court and all information therein is determined to be confidential.

(A) Type of case in which the order is being entered: This is an adult name change action;

(B) Particular grounds for determining the information is confidential: The Court finds that confidentiality is required to avoid substantial injury to the Petitioner by disclosure of matters protected by common law and privacy rights not generally inherit in name change proceedings, and to “comply with established public policy set forth in the Florida or United States Constitution” recognizing the basic right of privacy protected in the Florida Constitution;

(C) Party's name determined to be confidential and, if so, the particular pseudonym or other term to be substituted for the party's name: The Court finds that all names and identifying information within the court record should be confidential and therefore the pseudonym of E.C.MC. shall be used in place of the Petitioner's name;

(D) Progress docket or similar records generated to document activity in the case are determined to be confidential: All records specifically described in this Order should and are determined to be confidential as well as the Clerk's "progress record" and similar records;

(E) Particular information that is determined to be confidential: The Court finds that all information contained in the court record is confidential;

(F) Persons who are permitted to view the confidential information: Only the Petitioner shall be allowed access to the Court record; and

(G) The duration and manner of confidentiality ordered by this Order: Duration and manner of confidentiality are no broader in this Order than necessary to protect the interest contemplated under the Rule and no less restrictive measures are available to the Petitioner's interests.

3. As required by the Rule, the Clerk is directed to publish the Order in accordance with and for the time period set forth in §2.420(e)(4) of the Florida Judicial Administration Rules.

4. The Petitioner has filed an Agreement to Waive Receipt of General Magistrate Report and Exception Period.

5. The Court reserves jurisdiction in this cause to enforce and modify the provisions of this Report of General Magistrate.

**The undersigned Magistrate recommends that the Court enter an order approving and ratifying all the findings and recommendations of this Report.**

**DONE AND RECOMMENDED** in Okaloosa County, Florida, on January 8, 2019.



eSigned by Magistrate Wanda Morgan in 2017 DR 003599 F  
on 01/09/2019 10:49:11 .2zo.eXh

**WANDA J. MORGAN  
GENERAL MAGISTRATE**