

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CLACKAMAS COUNTY

In the Matter of) PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER
) No. 2024-09
INDICTMENTS AND NO CONTACT)
ORDERS IN ALLEGED SEX CRIME)
CASES)

THE COURT FINDS:

Under ORS 132.540(5)(a), the court may order the use of initials in an indictment rather than the name of an alleged sex crime victim.

Under ORS 132.580(2)(a), the court may order the use of initials of a witness listed in an indictment rather than the name of an alleged sex crime victim.

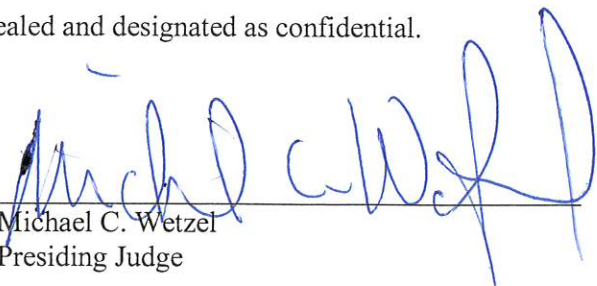
Under ORS 135.247, the court shall enter an order prohibiting the defendant from contacting an alleged sex crime victim (a No Contact Order).

While necessary for law enforcement purposes, listing the name of an alleged sex crime victim in a No Contact Order frustrates the confidentiality purposes of ORS 132.540(5)(a) and 132.580(2)(a).

THEREFORE, pursuant to ORS 1.010, the court orders

1. The District Attorney's office may file indictments using the initials of an alleged sex crime victim in the charge or charges under ORS 132.540(5)(a) and in listing witnesses under ORS 132.580(2)(a) so long as it follows the procedures set forth in those statutes.
2. The District Attorney's office may orally move at arraignment to seal a No Contact Order with the name and date of birth of an alleged sex crime victim. If the No Contact Order is granted, the arraignment judge may direct that it be sealed and designated as confidential.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2024.


Michael C. Wetzel
Presiding Judge