

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF STEARNS

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT FILE NO. _____

Stearns County Sherriff's Office Case No. 15058128

Regarding the Investigation into
the Disappearance of Jacob Erwin Wetterling

ORDER

Based upon the attached Motion submitted by Assistant Stearns County Attorney Michael J. Lieberg the court finds that the conditions that necessitated previous orders of this court or other courts in the State of Minnesota directing search warrants and supporting documents executed during the investigation into the disappearance of Jacob Erwin Wetterling not be filed pursuant to Minnesota Rule of Criminal Procedure 33.04 no longer exist. Pursuant to Minnesota Rule of Criminal Procedure 33.04 such orders were issued because the filing could have caused a search or future, related searches to be unsuccessful, create a substantial risk of injury to an innocent person, and/or could create a substantial risk of severely hampering the ongoing investigation into the disappearance of Jacob Erwin Wetterling. The conditions supporting orders directing that search warrants and related documents not be filed no longer exist because Danny James Heinrich admitted to the abduction, sexual assault, and murder of Jacob Erwin Wetterling, pursuant to a plea agreement, entered into on September 6, 2016 in United States District Court during his prosecution for Possession of Child Pornography.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that law enforcement is directed to file any previously unfiled Applications for Search Warrants and supporting Affidavits, the actual Search Warrants, the Receipt Inventories, and Return Forms that were executed regarding the investigation into the Disappearance of Jacob Erwin Wetterling that were previously unfiled pursuant to a previous Order of this court or another court in the State of Minnesota issued pursuant to Minnesota Rules

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of Criminal Procedure 33.04 (c)&(d) or other similar or previously existing authority. Law enforcement is also directed to file any previous Motions, supporting affidavits, and Orders of this court or another court in the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure 33.04 (c)&(d) or other similar or previously existing authority directing that Applications for Search Warrant and supporting Affidavits, the actual Search Warrants, the Receipt Inventories, and Return Forms that were executed regarding the investigation into the Disappearance of Jacob Erwin Wetterling not be filed.

Dated: September 8, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vicki E. Landwehr". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Judge of District Court