

*Supersedes General Order
94-09*

GENERAL ORDER NO. 06-2

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF MATTERS OCCURRING
BEFORE THE GRAND JURY TO CONTRACT EMPLOYEES OF THE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(A)(ii) authorizes disclosure of matters occurring before the grand jury, other than its deliberations and the vote of any grand juror, to "such government personnel (including personnel of the state or subdivision of a state) as are deemed necessary by an attorney for the government to assist an attorney for the government in the performance of such attorney's duty to enforce federal criminal law." Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(C)(i) authorizes disclosure otherwise prohibited by this rule "when so directed by a court preliminary to or in connection with a judicial proceeding."

For some time, the United States Department of Justice has entered into national contracts with various contractors to provide administrative support for its asset forfeiture program. At any one time, several contract employees are employed within the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas.

The Court is advised by the United States Attorney for this district that these contract employees provide administrative support on criminal forfeiture cases. The United States Attorney has also advised that access by these contract employees to matters occurring before the grand juries in this district is necessary for these contract employees to assist attorneys for the government in the performance of such attorney's duty to enforce federal criminal forfeiture laws.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(C)(i) that matters occurring before the grand jury in this district may be disclosed to the contract employees of the United States Attorney's Office of the Eastern District of Texas for use during the performance of their duties assisting attorneys for the government in the performance of such attorney's duty to enforce federal criminal forfeiture laws. This general order supercedes General Order 94-9.

Signed this _____ day of January, 2006.

FOR THE COURT:


THAD HEARTFIELD
Chief Judge