

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

**Tyrone Johnson, individually, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's
Department, et al.**

Johnson v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department · No. 2:24-cv-09197-CBM-JCx · Decided December 22,
2025

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulated protective order entered in Tyrone Johnson, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al., in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. It governs the designation, use, disclosure, challenge, filing, and final disposition of confidential and highly confidential discovery materials.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jacqueline Chooljian
DECIDED	December 22, 2025
DOCKET	2:24-cv-09197-CBM-JCx
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties stipulated to entry of a discovery protective order, which the magistrate judge approved and ordered in connection with the pending civil-rights action.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

discovery dispute civil procedure sanctions

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure civil rights discovery

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether good cause existed under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) to enter a stipulated protective order governing confidential discovery material.

2. What procedures and restrictions should govern designation, use, disclosure, challenge, sealing, and final disposition of protected material.

HOLDINGS

1. A protective order is justified because the parties demonstrated that discovery is likely to involve confidential, proprietary, or private information and that protection is necessary to facilitate discovery and serve the ends of justice.
2. The protective order does not itself authorize filing protected material under seal; a party must comply with Central District of California Local Rule 79-5 and obtain a court order authorizing sealing of the specific material.
3. The protective order remains effective for designated confidential material until the designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order directs otherwise, subject to the order's provisions concerning final disposition and counsel's archival copies.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“This Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery.” (Section 1.A)

“Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue.” (Section 12.3)

“Once a case proceeds to trial, all of the information admitted into evidence that was previously designated as confidential or maintained pursuant to this protective order becomes public and will be presumptively available to all members of the public, including the press, unless compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings to proceed otherwise are made to the trial judge in advance of the trial.” (Section 4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties represented that discovery would involve confidential, proprietary, or private information requiring protection from public disclosure and use outside the litigation. The court found that a protective order would facilitate discovery, address confidentiality disputes, protect legitimately confidential information, and serve the ends of justice. The order governs designation, use, disclosure, challenge, filing under seal, and disposition of protected discovery material.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The underlying action was pending in the Central District of California. Because discovery was expected to involve confidential, proprietary, or private information, the parties submitted a stipulated protective order. On December 22, 2025, Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Chooljian entered the order.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180–81 (9th Cir. 2006)

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