

Hello, Perhaps I am raising these issues in the wrong forum but at a criminal rules meeting we did discuss specifically sex assault cases and the protection of victim names and identifying information in the context of e-filing. The 1st J.D. will begin e-filing on 11-16-2016 and our office had a presentation from judicial personnel on the process which included varying levels of document protection. An El Paso case was used as an example because that county is already e-filing. The case, 15CR4043, was a sex assault on a child. The juror questions were designated "public" and contained the victim's name. In addition the jury instructions were "public". These did not have the victim's name but often instructions may contain the victim's name particularly if there are multiple victims or if the defense has raised an issue about calling anyone a victim. Finally my last concern was that the verdict forms were public and signed by the jury foreperson. In this case the signature was illegible but the juror's signature should not be public. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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